



The Triumphant Exit

(from the grave)

Colossians 2:13-15

Series: The Road Less Traveled

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and has taken it out of the way by nailing it to the cross. 15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and disgraced them publicly; He triumphed over them by Him.

The Meaning of Easter

A person in a light blue shirt and dark pants stands with their back to the camera, looking out over a hazy landscape. In the distance, a hill features three crosses, likely representing the crucifixion. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting dawn or dusk.

- The resurrection meant Jesus is who He claimed to be.
- The resurrection means Jesus has the power He claimed to have.
- The resurrection means Jesus did what He promised to do.

1. My past can be forgiven

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- This is God's pardon program. Jesus nailed it all to the cross. He paid for our guilt.
- **There is no condemnation awaiting those who belong to Christ. (Romans 8:1 NIV)**

2. My present problems can be managed.

12 ... you were also raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. ...15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities...He triumphed over them.

- The same power that enabled Jesus to rise from death will help you rise above your problems.
- The same power God used at the resurrection 2,000 years ago can be used in our life right now.

3. My future is secure

13 And when you were dead in trespasses and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you **alive with Him**

John 17:3 says: **This is the way to have eternal life: by knowing the only true God and Jesus Christ, the one he sent to earth.**

The Triumphant Christ

This is what God wants to say to us today:

You matter to me. I understand everything about your life. I know you. I made you, remember? I want to have a relationship with you.