



What does the Resurrection of Jesus mean for Christians today?

Jesus said, 'Don't just look after your friends ... help people no one else gets on with.' And he did just that. He broke down all sorts of barriers, and healed lots of people. And the authorities hated him for it. In a cruel execution he was nailed to a piece of wood in the shape of a cross and left to die. He was little more than 30 years old. His followers were devastated.

And then three days later something happened which totally changed their lives. They were convinced that after three days Jesus came back to life. 2000 years later millions of people are still convinced that it all actually happened.

Over Easter week-end in the Year 2000 the people of Cheltenham took the story of Jesus on to the streets of their town. For them it was not just a 2000 year old story – it's something real that makes a big difference in their lives.

So, why not visit www.Jesusfortoday.co.uk and find out more about the story they told ... and the difference it makes to people today.

What happened at the first Easter?

- See how the people of Cheltenham told the story of Jesus. What were the five themes of their Passion Play? Go to Jesus: a story for today, tomorrow, forever.
- Now visit Israel and see where Jesus lived, where he died, and where he rose again from the dead. Go to Links, the Story of Jesus and click on the Holy Land.

What does the Resurrection mean?

- Find out what some of the people who took part in the Passion Play believe about Resurrection. Go to Questions of Life and Death.

- Go to Links, Jesus in Art and click on the Easter Page. Then click on Art of the Passion and Resurrection. Look at different ways that great artists have painted the Resurrection. Find Fra Angelico's picture of Easter. Why do you think he included these people in his painting?

What about life after death?

- Find out what some people on the streets of Cheltenham believe about life after death. And then find out what the Christians who took part in the Passion Play believe about life after death. Go to Questions of Life and Death.
- Winston's Wish specialises in giving support to children who experience bereavement. What is Winston's Wish – what kind of support do they give. Go to Jesus for ever the same, find Death and click on grief.
- Go to Jesus for ever the same, click on Death and find out what the different stages of grief and sadness are that people go through when someone close to them has died? Go to Questions of Life and death and find out what Christians believe about life after death.
- Christians also believe in life before death! Go to Forever! find friendship and click on a world of hunger. What do Christians do to bring help to other people?

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- Go to Today ... find death and then click on Stations of the Cross. Find out what the women said as Jesus made his way from the trial to the cross. Why do you think Jesus died?
- Go to links, find the Way of the Cross and then click on The Way of Cross. Look at the original route Jesus took to the cross. Go back to the Links Page and the Way of the Cross and now click on the Stations of the Cross - find out how other Christians tell the story of that final journey of Jesus in a series of pictures and prayers called The Stations of the Cross. What do you think the resurrection of Jesus means for Christians today?
- Go to 'On Location' and look at the locations used in the Passion Play and then think of your own community – where could you act out the story of Jesus' death and resurrection in your own community?