

## New Life Riders

Motorcyclists Serving God and Community
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Dear Friends,

I don't know about you, but I am so grateful for the extended daylight hours providing more time to be outside enjoying a full calendar of upcoming charity rides and events. It's great to be able to ride for one's personal enjoyment coupled with the purpose of raising awareness and funds for so many good causes. I have often said, "The most generous people on the planet are found within the biking community."

The other day as I waited for a traffic light, I took a good look at two cemeteries, one on each side of the road. One was small and poorly maintained, the other was large and very well maintained. Both cemeteries had monuments.

About now you are asking yourself where is Bob going with this conversation? I mention the Cemeteries because later this month, we will be celebrating Easter, the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Praise God, we do not celebrate among beautifully carved monuments. We rejoice because of the empty Tomb! First century Christians staked everything on the Resurrection and we twenty-first century Christians would be wise to do the same.

The Apostle Paul said in First Corinthians 15:13-14, "But if there be no Resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen: and if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is in vain, and your faith is in vain." Praise the Lord, Jesus rose from the grave!

All four Gospels state the women were the first witnesses of the empty tomb. "The angel said to the women. 'Fear not, for I know that you seek Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, he is risen as He said. Come and see the place where the Lord lay'." Matt. 28: 5-6. "Afraid, yet filled with joy, they ran to tell the Disciples the Good News." Matt. 28:8. "Jesus is alive!"

I find it strange that the Disciples didn't want to believe the women's report of the risen Lord thinking that they were behaving hysterically. At the risk of sounding like a Monday morning quarterback, these men should have known better. After all, this was the same group of women who along with the Disciples, followed Jesus and some even supported the ministry financially.

Jesus is alive! Yet the world tries to make the Resurrection a myth discounting the empty tomb, the many witnesses Jesus appeared to over a period of forty days and the countless people who have encountered the living Jesus and have been changed by Him. He is alive and still invites people to know Him today.

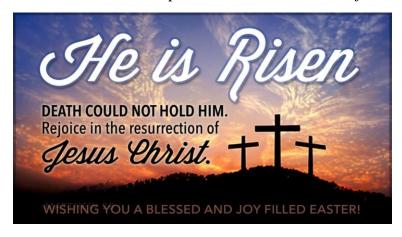
Jesus not only said He is the light of the world, John 8:12, He also tells us that we are the light of the world. He goes on to say in Matthew 5:16 "... Your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven."

During the upcoming riding season, remember to shine for Him and reflect His love to all those around you and keep on doing the good stuff.

It is my prayer that you have trusted in the One who died to purchase our salvation. If

not, during this Lenten/Easter season would be an excellent time to ask him into your heart and life.

We're looking forward to more outreach opportunities this year. For information regarding upcoming events, please check the New Life Riders website <a href="https://www.newliferiders.com">www.newliferiders.com</a> frequently for places where you can let your light shine. Prayerfully decide where you will be most effective. Don't miss any opportunity to



make an impact for Jesus. May you be blessed as you ride, work and witness for Him.

We hope to see you at our meeting on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at Bob Evans Restaurant, 6102 Cambridge Way, located off Route 267, just north of Route 70, Plainfield, Indiana 46168. If you will be in the area, please feel especially invited. Remember, you don't have to ride to be part of our group. All are welcome. We need prayer warriors, too! I am sure we will all be blessed by the devotional message that Lynn Brown has prepared for our April meeting.

It is the New Life Riders prayer that you have safe riding, blessings and many opportunities to share the love of Jesus in the upcoming riding season.

As always, I look forward to seeing you down the road!

Until next time...My wife, Kathy, and I wish you a blessed Easter as we all celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus!

God bless,
Riding with Jesus,
Bob Dillon

Jesus said, "Go into the world. Go everywhere and announce the Message of God's good news to one and all." Mark 16:15 (The Message)