



New Life Riders

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Dear Friends,

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen!

Easter has come and the tomb stands empty. Jesus, the lamb who was slain is risen. So what now?

Just as the story doesn't end with the cross, neither does it end with the resurrection. The truth is that the story of the Bible is not just God's story; it is also our story. We have seen the story of so many people—giants of the faith, but still ordinary people just like you and me—who changed the world because they dared to believe that God's promises were true. And we know that God's work in the world didn't end with Jesus. And it didn't end with Peter or Mary Magdalene ... or Paul or Timothy ... or John or Junia. The story continues through people like Augustine of Hippo and John Chrysostom ... and Martin Luther, John Calvin and John Wesley. The story continues through people like Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Martin Luther King Jr., Dorothy Day, and Mother Teresa. The story of God's great love for the world is still being written today, through you and me, ordinary people with faith in an extraordinary God.

Easter is not just a day. It is a whole season in the Church year, and yet it is more than that, too. Easter is a paradigm shift, a new reality. Easter is a way of being in the world. And you and I have been called to be Easter people. There is so much hurt and hatred, fear and frustration, despair and death in the world, and as Easter people, we are called to confront it. We are called to act with love, walk by faith, and speak with hope. We are called to be the hands and feet of the risen Christ, embracing this world and all with whom we share it in unlimited, unrelenting love. Easter is not a celebration; it is a sending.

Friends, as the riding season moves into full swing, may you be Easter people, going out into the world (and the rallies and charity rides, etc.) to share the good news with everyone you meet. Christ is risen indeed! Because Christ lives, we too shall live. And there is nothing in all creation that can separate us from God's love. Alleluia!

As a reminder, Mother's Day is this month on Sunday, May 11. Don't forget to let the women in your life know how much you love them!

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

Please pray for our country, our nation's leaders, troops, firefighters, law enforcement officers, first responders, all those in the medical field and everyone who is serving to keep us safe!

Until next time, love Jesus, be thankful and keep doing the good stuff.



*Easter people, raise your voices,
Sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven's choices;
Heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.*

*Every day to us is Easter,
With its resurrection song.
When in trouble move the faster
To our God who rights the wrong.
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.
~William M. James, United Methodist Hymnal # 304*

*Riding with Jesus,
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God bless America

*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)*