

## **Rise and shine to a new beginning...**

As you know yesterday was Good Friday and tomorrow is Easter Sunday (or as some places like to call it Resurrection Sunday) and so TODAY (being Saturday) I have been thinking...I wonder what everyone must have been going through on Saturday AFTER Jesus was crucified and buried? We put a lot of emphasis on Friday and Sunday but I was simply thinking about that Saturday as well.

Think about the last time someone you loved or admired passed away. Of course you mourned, you cried, you ached all over at the loss. You can almost imagine how the disciples must of felt. These men were willing to give up their lives and livelihoods to follow Him and be a part of his ministry "What will we do now?" they must of asked themselves. Jesus' mother, having lost her son in the prime of his life must have had a few "Why?" questions for God as well.

How fortunate are we to be on the "other side." For we see the "rest of the story". The fact that without the crucifixion there would be no salvation, without the shed blood there would be no healing, no forgiveness, without the death there would be no life.. for us.. eternally.

So this Easter Sunday, please be encouraged that even though there are circumstances in our lives that occur that cause us to cry, mourn, ache even question God, we can rest assured that, if we believe, our fate is held in the Resurrection power of a new beginning.

Yesterday is old and tomorrow is a new and fresh start...so, beginning tomorrow, **Rise....and Shine.**

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