

He is Risen-
He is Risen Indeed



God's
Timing is Always Perfect

Easter 2016 - It's About Time!

1. It's Time for Faith, Not Fear (v. 17)

When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying,

“Do not be afraid”

Three times in Isaiah God in heaven says:

"I am the first and I am the last and besides me there is no God."

Easter 2016 - It's About Time!

The Three Top Fears People Face Today

The possibility of a nuclear attack or suicide bomber
on our soil

That a spouse or a child would come down with a
terminal illness,

You yourself would come down with a terminal illness.

Easter 2016 - It's About Time!

Isaiah's Vision

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple.

Easter 2016 - It's About Time!

A Gesture of fortification and
encouragement

“He laid his right hand on me”

Easter 2016 - It's About Time!

Fear and faith cannot dwell in the same heart, they're mutually exclusive

2. It's Time for Joy, Not Sorrow (v. 18)

"I am he who lives and was dead and behold I
am he who lives and was dead. I'm alive
forevermore. Amen."

2. It's Time for Joy, Not Sorrow (v. 18)

The saddest day of John's life was the day Jesus died. John was there at the cross the Bible tells us next to Mary the mother of Jesus. He was watching the whole thing come down. He was so sad, so sorrowful. All of the disciples were sorrowful.

2. It's Time for Joy, Not Sorrow (v. 18)

John's sorrow was turned into joy when he walked into the empty tomb. , "John saw and believed." He saw the evidence of the resurrection and he believed.

2. It's Time for Joy, Not Sorrow (v. 18)

If Jesus rose from the dead, it means that everything else he promised must be true. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and I am the life, whoever believes in me even though he dies, yet shall believe."

2. It's Time for Joy, Not Sorrow (v. 18)

Billy Sunday once said, "If you have no joy in your life and you're a Christian, there must be a leak in your Christianity somewhere."

3.It's Time for Decision, Not Indecision

(v. 18b)

"I have the keys of Hades and of death."

Hades just means the grave; and death is the condition.

Hades is the New Testament term for the Old Testament term Sheol, they both mean the same thing.

It simply means the grave.

3.It's Time for Decision, Not Indecision

(v. 18b)

When Jesus says, "I have the keys,
it means I have the authority.

He is the designated driver for eternity

3.It's Time for Decision, Not Indecision **(v. 18b)**

When Jesus put his hands out on the cross, in effect he was saying, "You see this? You don't have to be afraid. I've taken the sting of death away."

Corinthians 15

The Resurrection Chapter

50 Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed,

Corinthians 15

The Resurrection Chapter

52in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. 53For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality.

Corinthians 15

The Resurrection Chapter

54 But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, “DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory.

Corinthians 15

The Resurrection Chapter

55“O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY?
O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?” 56the
sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the
law; 57but thanks be to God, who gives us the
victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Corinthians 15

The Resurrection Chapter

58Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not *in vain* in the Lord.

Easter-time Exercises:

1. Sing louder than normal today--you've got good reason to!
2. Smile a lot! If Jesus is really alive and promises you eternal life, why not show it?
3. Tell someone else who seems hopeless why you're singing louder and smiling more!