

**NOW THAT EASTER'S
OVER
Now what?**



Four Words For What Easter Should Be Now

mercy, life, hope, heaven

1. It Shows Mercy

Sir Walter Scott

"Come he slow or come he fast, it is but Death
who comes at last"

Ecclesiastes 1:2-4

“Vanity of vanities,” says the Preacher,
“Vanity of vanities! All is vanity.”

³ What advantage does man have in all his work
Which he does under the sun?

⁴ A generation goes and a generation comes,
But the earth remains forever.

Ecclesiastes 1:2-4

Life is merciless; the resurrection is merciful

1 Corinthians 15:21

For since by a man *came* death, by a man
also *came* the resurrection of the dead.

Peter called God's mercy abundant

2. It Shares Life

"Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for" (1 Peter 1:3, MSG)

Three Greek Words For Life

1. *Bios* means physical life

2. *Psuché* means inward life

3. Zóé,

the most common in the Greek New Testament, means age-abiding life

3. It Shines Hope

Hal Lindsey

"Man can live about forty days without food, about three days without water, about eight minutes without air...
but only for one second without hope"

3. It Shines Hope

Ephesians 2:12

*You live in this world without God and without
hope*

4. It Assures Heaven

The word *heaven* appears 142 times in the
four Gospels

Closing Thoughts

If the resurrection shows mercy—if the greatest enemy, death, has been defeated—then you've got nothing to fear

If the resurrection shares the life of Jesus Christ, then let's really live and risk a little bit more—you've got nothing to lose

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If the resurrection shines hope and gives you a confident optimism for the future, then you should have nothing to regret

If the resurrection assures heaven, and the best is yet to come, then you should have nothing to hold onto

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Easter shouldn't just be an event, a day, or a holy party, but a lifestyle that lingers longer than a day