

Pastor D's Letter April 17, 2022

HE IS RISEN!

This is the cry of the church on Easter. The heartfelt response is "**HE IS RISEN INDEED!**" In Matthew 28:6 (KJV) the angel proclaims, "He is not here: for **He is risen**, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay." More modern translations like the ESV and the NIV translate the passage, with only one word of difference, "**HE HAS RISEN!**"

The Greek word translated differently is egeiro (eg-i'-ro), which means to wake or rise up. It is a third person, singular, passive, indicative, verb. The passive-indicative means that the action happened **to** Jesus and is **completed**. IN OTHER WORDS GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD! Therefore the modern translations used the past tense. HE HAS RISEN!

The message of Easter is bound in that one word. HE HAS RISEN! It is a completed action that cannot be undone. God has acted and God's action cannot be reversed. Further, (and here is the good news) as God raised Jesus, God will raise us.

However, while God has completed His action of Resurrection, the power of that past event reaches into the here and now. That is why I like the KJV translation **HE IS RISEN!** Jesus remains the risen, living Lord of all. He is not in the grave. HE IS ALIVE!

**HE IS RISEN!
HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

May your life reflect the resurrection power of God at work in you, today and always.
See you in worship,
Dr. D

NEWS UPDATES

- Join us for **Fellowship after Church**.
- 1. EASTER EGG HUNT AFTER SERVICE. THERE IS NO Sunday School This Week.
- **JOIN US FOR WVN Bible Study this Wednesday @6p.m. Luke 6.**
- **MASKS ARE OPTIONAL** IN WORSHIP! Be considerate of those who choose to wear masks and maintain social distance.
- If you cannot come in person, we continue to broadcast our **SERVICE LIVE** every Sunday at 9 a.m. on <https://www.facebook.com/SierraVistaPresbyterianChurch/>. Our account is public. **YOU DO NOT NEED A FACEBOOK ACCOUNT TO WATCH.** If you come to worship in person or watch at home, **invite a friend to join you.** **Worship sheets** are available on our website at <https://www.sierravistayuma.com/> under the NEWS Tab.
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