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He is risen!

Just a few months ago we observed the Advent of the Messiah, the Savior of the world. We celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ who, although true God, put on human flesh, came into His creation, and was made man.

We find the purpose – the meaning – of Christ’s birth at the cross. Jesus came to die. In so doing, He reconciled mankind to God. Jesus left his heavenly realm to offer the forgiveness that He earned by his death on the cross. Paul tells us, *“If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.”* (1 Cor. 15:14)

Christ is risen! The victory over sin, death, and the devil is complete. Christ’s victory becomes our victory through faith. We live in peace with God, in the joy of forgiveness, and in the hope of the resurrection. All this because of God’s love for sinners the likes of us.

*It was the first day of the week. Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome went to the tomb of the crucified Jesus. They brought spices to anoint the body. When they arrived, they found the stone rolled away from the entrance, and the body of Jesus gone. Inside the tomb an angel spoke to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.”* (Luke 24:5,6)

He is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!