

Standing at the tomb

***How do we look at Easter? Do we take it for granted? Is our focus on the commercialization of easter bunnies eggs and things for our children, have you ever thought of the accomplishment of this foundational Christian celebration ?***

***lets take a minute and reflect on what it means  
to each of us!***

***For those that believe it is our reconciliation with God, our salvation, no matter what we do, how hard we try we cannot save ourselves, we all have sinned and fallen short of Gods glory!***

***It is only through Jesus Christ and his perfect sacrifice that we can be redeemed***

***Ephesians 1:7***

***In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace***

***It is only through the cross can we get to the father, John chapter 14***

***6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you really know me, you will know[b] my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."***

***As Christians we have a future! Through the cross Jesus built a bridge, (with 2 wooden beams, and 3 nails he built a bridge) to our future, there are a couple verses that come to mind***

# John 14

***14 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God[a]; believe also in me. 2 My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?***



***3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 4 You know the way to the place where I am going.”***

Hebrews 13:14

***14 For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.***

***Believing in the cross, is a doorway to our city of eternity, with Jesus***

***What about LOVE!***

***John 15:13***

***13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.***

***Jesus demonstrated the ultimate show of love !  
Through his sacrifice at the cross, and his  
resurrection, in talking about God's love we  
cannot leave out John 3:14-17***

***14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”***

***16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.***

***And we can't forget about God's promise in John 3:18***

***18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.***

***Jesus return to the right hand of the father and his promise of sending a guide, a friend, a comforter, a cell phone to communicate with the father, no more middleman, we now go straight to the throne of grace with our prayers***



## John 16

***7 But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. 8 When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment:***

***We now have a mediator in heaven that covers  
us in his righteousness,***

## Isaiah 61:10

***I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels***

***There is so much more that we can boast about happening because of Jesus's sacrifice, and resurrection on what we call easter, but in closing remember the war has been fought, the battle has been won ! Jesus has conquered death and the grave!***

***This should be the most joyous celebration that we as Christians can celebrate! The crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus!***

***We have been set free from the bondage of sin and death!***