

Jesus has left the cross!



LET'S NOT ONLY REMEMBER JESUS' DEATH ON THE CROSS. Let's not always be seeing a Christ on the cross and the sense of suffering and death and fear that image sometimes generates. We don't have a Jesus on the cross; He's left the cross! We have an empty cross. "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" (1 Corinthians 15:55 KJV). We don't have a Christ in the grave. We have a live Jesus living in our hearts.

Up from the grave He arose;
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever, with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!¹

He rose in victory, joy, liberty, and freedom, never to die again, so that He could redeem us as well and prevent our having to go through the agony of death of spirit. What a day of rejoicing that must have been when He rose and realized it was all over. He had won the victory; the world was saved; He had accomplished His mission! He had gone through the horrors of death and Hell for us, and it was over!