

# Jesus: Dead or Alive?

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**Read** Matthew 20:17–19

**Question:** If you didn't know the "end of the story", how would have you responded to Jesus' prediction of His own death and resurrection?

## **Checklist for the Messiah:**

- Deliver Israel from their enemies.
- Rebuild, cleanse and restore the Temple.
- Bring Israel's long history to fulfilment.
- Don't die or get yourself killed.

**No one understood that the Messiah  
would have to suffer, let alone die.**

**No one expected anybody to rise from the dead.**

Easter is associated with the Jewish festival of Passover.

**Read** John 1:29

**Jesus died for your sins  
so you don't have to die for your sins**

**The message of Christianity is not that Jesus lived.  
It's that he lives.**

**If Jesus is alive:**

- **You and I need to confess that Jesus IS Lord**

**Read** Romans 10:9

- **Then He is a life-giving Spirit**

**Read** 1 Corinthians 15:45

**Friday says because of Jesus, I'm forgiven.  
Sunday says because of Jesus, death is defeated.**

**Eternal life isn't about "Then and there",  
it's about "Here and Now".**

- **Then He will come again**

**Read** Revelation 22:20; Philippians 2:10-11

**Questions:** Do you believe Jesus is dead or alive? What effect does that have on your life? What effect does that need to have on your life in the days to come?