



**I Don't Believe It!!**

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# TYPICAL EASTER SERMON

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- Jesus died a terrible, awful, tragic, traumatic heartbreaking death on the cross
- BUT, He came back from the grave – HURRAY!
- Now we get to go to Heaven when we die, YAY JESUS!
- IN the meantime, the LEAST you could do is try to live like you appreciate all He did for you – completely misses the point!!



# HE'S ALIVE-HE'S YOUR LIFE

<sup>9</sup> If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and **believe in your heart** that **God raised him from the dead**, you will be **SAVED**. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you **believe and are justified**, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are **SAVED**. <sup>11</sup> As Scripture says, "Anyone who **believes in him** will never be put to shame."

- GK – pisteuo – to place full confidence in Him - influences your emotions, choices and **actions!!!**



# Rebellion at Kadesh Barnea

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- “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion.”<sup>[c]</sup>
- **16** Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt? **17** And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies perished in the wilderness? **18** And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed? (HEBREWS 3)



# The Heart of (is) the Problem

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- “<sup>19</sup> So we see that they were not able to enter, **because of their unbelief.**”
- Which didn't mean they didn't believe in the existence of God
- It means ...What
- They didn't put their confidence **IN GOD – the didn't ACT in FAITH**



# Believe It .....Or NOT???

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- OH NO, NOW WHAT AM I GONNA DO?
- YOU ARE GOING TO TRUST JESUS CHRIST AND START ACTING LIKE YOU BELIEVE HE DIED ON THE CROSS FOR YOU,
- AND CAME BACK FROM THE GRAVE FOR YOU
- AND SENT THE HOLY SPIRIT TO EMPOWER YOU,
- AND PROMISED HE WOULD NEVER LEAVE YOU OR FORSAKE YOU,
- AND PROMISED THAT YOU COULD DO ALL THINGS THROUGH TRUSTING IN HIM!!



# Power to His People

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- **<sup>11</sup> But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,** He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. Rm 8
- **<sup>6</sup> For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness,"** is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. 2 Corinthians 4





## It Is Really Simple

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- He is **ALIVE** and **LIVING** in **YOU**
- Pray over the situation, ask God to release His blessing into everyone and everything
- Ask Him to show you what He wants you to ask Him for
- Agree with the Lord's prayer ... ?





# Jesus + Nothing = EVERYTHING

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- deeply loved by God,
- fully accepted by God,
- completely and permanently forgiven by God,
- lavishly blessed by God,
- and eternally, perfectly embraced by God as his child; a child who brings Him unspeakable JOY