

A WORD ON WORSHIP

REVIEW OF MESSAGE FROM APRIL 20, 2014

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Luke 24:45-49

“Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and He said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”



If there is one thing I despise, it is those phone calls that come from toll free numbers, which begin with the assurance that the caller is not “selling” anything. The Bible could not be more open and direct about the purpose of the Scripture. Through it God has one goal for the unbeliever: He wants to demonstrate as clearly and as forcefully as he can that Jesus not only claimed to be the Christ (the Messiah), the Son of God, but that by many miraculous signs He proved it! The last and greatest of these signs was His resurrection from the dead.

While the resurrection of Jesus from the dead was prophesied in the Old Testament, and by our Lord Himself, the Bible makes it very clear that the disciples – just as many people today – were not predisposed to believe it. Only after the most forceful and compelling evidence that they could see and touch, would the disciples believe Jesus really was alive. And having become convinced of this great truth, the disciples never ceased to proclaim it, first in Jerusalem, then in Judea and finally to the ends of the earth. The resurrection of Jesus is the final and compelling proof that He is the Son of God and the Savior of the world.

Believing in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, is the only way God has provided for the forgiveness of your sins and for the gift of eternal life. By believing in Him, you will be saved: John 1:11-13 *“He came to what was his own, but his own people did not receive him. But to all who have received him – those who believe in his name – he has given the right to become God’s children – children not born by human parents or by human desire or a husband’s decision, but by God.”*

In many ways, the Bible is not a simple book. But its message to the unsaved is incredibly simple: Jesus Christ saves from sin, death and hell. If you have never come to believe in Jesus as the Christ, the promised Messiah, the Son of God, then this book is addressed to you, and for you, to give you all the evidence you need to believe in Him. Have you believed? This is the most important decision you will ever make. It determines your eternal destiny.

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Easter Sunday April 13

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Christ, God films dominate movie box Office; anti-God 'Noah' sinks

(From www.breitbart.com) *Deadline* reports that this Easter weekend at the box office there are two openly Christian films perched in the top ten. Meanwhile, Darren Aronofsky's anti-God *Noah* sailed over a cliff, failing to even rank.

Coming in at number three, director Randall Wallace's *Heaven Is for Real* has already become the sleeper many predicted and will outperform with a \$25 to \$27 million take after just 5 days. The true story of a little boy who claims to have visited Heaven not only beat Johnny Depp's *Transcendence*, it earned the highest per-screen average of the weekend.

Depending on the size of the promotion budget, with just a \$12 million production budget, if *Heaven Is for Real* hasn't already gone into the black, that sweet spot can only be a few days away. And with a Cinemascore of A+, it should have serious staying power.

With a \$8000 per screen average and "legs" under *God's Not Dead* after 5 weeks, TriStar is almost certain to put *Heaven Is for Real* on a few hundred more screens next week. They would certainly be crazy not to.

Budgeted at \$100 million, *Transcendence* is Johnny Depp's third big-budget flop in a row after last summer's *The Lone Ranger* and 2012's *Dark Shadows*. He is probably putting on a pirate suit at this very moment.

As predicted by *Movie Critic Assassins*, although it has been in release a week longer than *Noah* and is still playing on far fewer screens (1,800 compared to 2,500), the unapologetically Christian *God's Not Dead* managed to overtake Russell Crowe's anti-God *Noah* this weekend. *Deadline* reports that in its fourth week, *Noah* dropped completely out of the top ten while in its 5th week, *God's Not Dead* came in at number 10 with \$4.7 million.

Thus far, the \$2 million film about a student who confronts his atheist teacher (played by Kevin Sorbo) has grossed \$48.3 million. Moreover, with its limited release and a measly \$2 million promotional budget, *God's Not Dead* was almost completely ignored by critics and the media. On the other hand, *Noah* was hailed by critics and played on almost a thousand more screens, received a ton of free media, and probably had a promotion budget north of \$50 million.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SUNRISE

April 2014

April 20	8:45 a.m.	Resurrection Sunday CHRIST IS RISEN
	10:30 a.m.	Church Brunch
April 22	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study in the Book of Philippians
April 25	6:30 p.m.	Friday Night Fellowship
April 27	8:45 a.m.	New Study in the Book of Philemon
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
April 29	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study in Philippians
May 2	7:00 p.m.	Game Night

The Hymns We Sing

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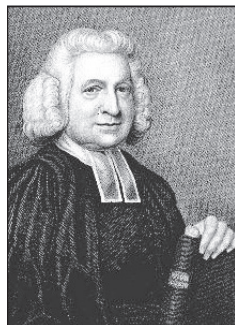
Christ the Lord is Risen Today (Lyra)

<http://www.hymntime.com/tch/html/c/t/ctrlisen.htm>

http://www.hymntime.com/tch/middle/a/s/easter_hymn.mid

"The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; He has risen, just as He said.'"

Matthew 28:5-6



Charles Wesley
(1707-1788)

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739.

Stanzas 8-10, author unknown, 14th Century; translated from Latin to English in *Lyra Davidica*. Wesley's words were written for use at the first worship service at the Wesleyan Chapel in London. The chapel, on the site of a former iron foundry, became known as the Foundry Meeting House, and this hymn was included in the Foundry Collection. This exuberant song is one of the most popular Easter hymns in the English language!

Music: Easter Hymn, composer unknown, in *Lyra Davidica* (London: 1708)

- Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply, Alleluia!
- Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Lo! the Sun's eclipse is o'er, Alleluia!
Lo! He sets in blood no more, Alleluia!
- Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Alleluia!
Christ hath burst the gates of hell, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!
Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!
- Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!
- Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!
- Hail, the Lord of earth and Heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to Thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
Hail, the resurrection, thou, Alleluia!
- King of glory, Soul of bliss, Alleluia!
Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!
Thee to know, Thy power to prove, Alleluia!
Thus to sing and thus to love, Alleluia!
- Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- But the pains that He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!