

## **Best Day Ever**

And it's a great day to be alive

I know the sun's still shinin'

When I close my eyes

There's some hard times in the neighborhood

But why can't everyday be just this good

1. Let's make sure we know a little about each other. What are some hobbies or activities which for you equal time well spent?

2. Can you share a great memory or memories which highlight your life together as a married couple or couple waiting?

Here are some great days examples from Ted!

Great Days

Cubs winning the World Series?

Dunkin' Donuts opening in Branson?

Receiving a settlement after they drag you off a plane?

Your wedding day?

The birth of your child?

Your child graduating and leaving home?

The day of your salvation?

The day of family member's salvation?

The day you come face to face with Jesus?

3. What should Easter remind us of? (Pretty dresses? Babies? Easter Egg Hunts? Bunnys? Church services?)

Easter reminds us that Jesus still breathes life into dead souls, marriages and families.

36 While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

37 They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost.

38 He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? 39 Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

40 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet.

41 And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate it in their presence.

44 He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

Luke 24:36-44

4. What gives you confidence that your faith in Christ is not misplaced or misguided?

"If a man can predict his own death and resurrection, and pull it off, I just go with whatever that man says." - Pastor Andy Stanley

And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. 1 Corinthians 15:14

Answers: Jesus' historical resurrection, witnessed and testified by many, which was recorded and preserved in what we know as the Holy Bible.

5. How does the resurrection of Jesus bring purpose to our lives?

ANSWERS:

A. We no longer have to live with a sense of survival or just weekend to weekend living, but can live with a much greater significance in mind.

And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. 1 Corinthians 15:17

B. The death and resurrection delivers us from the penalty, power, and eventually the presence of sin.

C. The resurrection of Jesus gives us deliverance from or victory over sin. By faith we see we were included in Christ's mighty death on the cross and his subsequent resurrection!

When Christ died, we died with him and the power of sin over us was broken and we have been raised with him in resurrection to a new life, including a new purpose for living (Christ-centered). Romans 6:1-14

We witnessed several believers baptized during the church meeting and their act of faith and obedience communicated this truth.

Baptism means burial. Whom do we bury? The dead. My dear brother and sister, do you SEE in Christ you were included in His crucifixion? It is a past historical fact that when Christ died, you died, for by faith you are in Christ.

Once you've seen you died with Christ, that His blood shed for you has wiped away your sins, and that His inclusion of you on the cross for your death, removed YOU as the sin producing factory, you will be FREE to live a new way of life.

In Christ you were raised as a new person, to live by His resurrection life a brand new way of life. Since Jesus overcame, in Christ you can overcome any struggle with sin, any temptation, any loss of hope, any broken relationship and experience freedom, deliverance, healing, hope, protection, self-control, patience, love, and power.

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. I Corinthians 15:56-57

18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. 19 If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. 1 Corinthians 15:18-19

D. The resurrection of Jesus frees us from the fear of death.

I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die...John 11:25

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. Romans 10:9

What a day that will be,  
When my Jesus I shall see,  
And I look upon His face,  
The One who saved me by His grace;  
When He takes me by the hand,  
And leads me through the Promised Land,  
What a day, glorious day that will be.

There'll be no sorrow there,

No more burdens to bear,

No more sickness, no pain,  
No more parting over there;  
And forever I will be,  
With the One who died for me,  
What a day, glorious day that will be.