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*“I am the **LIGHT** of the **World**.”*

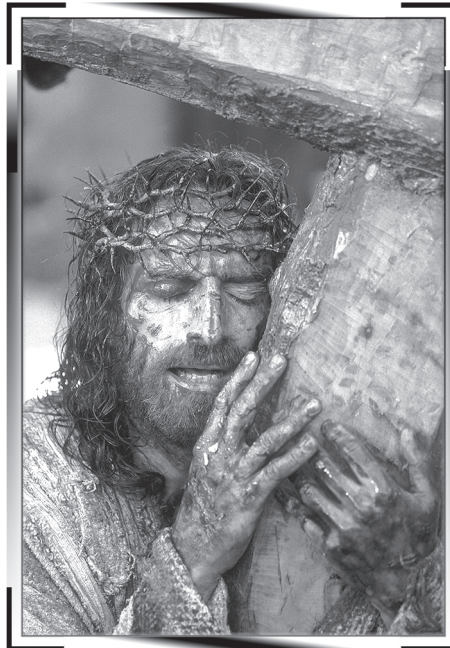
NEWSLETTER

“TAKE UP YOUR DAILY CROSS AND FOLLOW ME”

After prophesying for the first time about His Passion, Jesus spoke, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it. What does it profit them if they gain the whole world, but lose or forfeit themselves?”

(St. Luke 9:23-25)

By these words, Jesus clearly means that each and every soul is precious to the extent that it cannot be bought in exchange for the whole world. The Heavenly Father along with all the angels and saints in Heaven rejoice over a sinner who repents and comes back to Him. (St. Luke 15:7) But have you ever realized the fact that your soul is very much precious and dear to the Father, your Creator? He loves you. He loves each and every person and does not wish the loss of anyone at any cost. He sent his only Son into this sinful world of darkness, so that everyone who believes in Him may



not perish but may have eternal life with Him in heaven. Because Jesus, His beloved son, died on the cross bearing all the pain, rejection and insults for all the sinners, including us, for the sanctification of our souls, for our redemption from our sins. (St. John 3:16; Ephesians 2:4-5)

This was to show for all ages to come that “For by grace you have

been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast.”

(Ephesians 2:8)

“For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.”

(Romans 3:23-26)

What a great and unending love has our Heavenly Father for us? Yet, death could not bind Jesus in chains for long, for He rose again from the dead on the third day.

Hence, “We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no

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WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT RESURRECTION?

Resurrection is the rising again from the dead, the resumption of life. The Fourth Lateran Council teaches that all men, whether elect or reprobate, “will rise again with their own bodies which they now bear about with them.” In the language of the creeds and professions of faith this return to life is called resurrection of the body for

a double reason: first, since the soul cannot die, it cannot be said to return to life; second the heretical contention of Hymeneus (1Tim 1:20) and Philetus that the Scriptures denote by resurrection not the return to life of the body, but the rising of the soul from the death of sin to the life of grace, must be excluded.

In the New Testament, the resurrection

of the dead was expressly taught by Christ (John 5:28-29; 6:39-40; 11:25; Luke 14:14) and defended against the unbelief of the Sadducees, whom He charged with ignorance of the power of God and of the Scriptures (Matt. 22:29; Luke 20:37). St. Paul places the general resurrection on the same level of

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“ Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.” (1Corinthians 15:52-53)

NOT SORROWING AS OTHERS

REFLECTION *Of the* WORD

"But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope."

(1 Thess. 4:13)

Christians do not grieve as the world grieves. The world experiences sorrow without hope. The Christian also has sorrow, but the Christian's sorrow is accompanied by hope.

In Jesus' day, a funeral was a time for an impassioned demonstration of grief. It was a sign of respect for the deceased to wail loudly at a funeral. A person grieving the loss of a loved one had no power to change what had happened. There was probably no time in human experience when people felt more helpless or vulnerable than at a funeral.

Jesus, too, wept at the funeral of a close friend, but His sorrow did not come from a lack of hope. **(John 11:35)** Jesus knew that Lazarus, His dear friend, would be alive again. He also

knew that at His second coming, Lazarus and all of Jesus' followers would be resurrected from death to spend eternity with Him in heaven. Jesus wept because He saw the hopelessness felt by the people He loved. His friends had the Resurrection and the Life right in their midst, yet they were grieving! **(John 11:25)**

When Jesus conquered death, He forever changed the way Christians view death. Christians still experience the sorrow of losing someone we love, but we have hope because we know that God can bring good out of any situation **(Rom. 8:28)**. We have hope in the knowledge that nothing, not even death, can separate us from God's love **(Rom. 8:38-39)**. We have hope because Jesus will bring us to join Him in heaven so that we might enjoy eternity in unhindered fellowship with Him.

(John 14:3)

Even though you are a Christian, you cannot escape life's sorrows. But you can temper your grief with the hope that Christ is risen and is present with us, For He is your hope and your comfort.

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What do you know about Resurrection?...

certainty with that of Christ's Resurrection: "If Christ be preached, that he rose again from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen again. And if Christ be not risen again, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain" **(1Cor.15:12 seq.)**. The Apostle preached the resurrection of the dead as one of the fundamental doctrines of Christianity, at Athens, for instance **(Acts 17:18, 31, 32)**, at Jerusalem **(Acts 23:6)**, before Felix **(Acts 24:15)**, before Agrippa **(26:8)**. He insists on the same doctrine in his Epistles **(Rom.8:11; 1Cor.6:14; 15:12 seq.; 2 Cor.4:14; 5:1 seq.; Phil.3:21; 1Thess.4:12-16; 2 Tim.2:11; Hebrews 6:2)**, and in this he agrees with the Apocalypse **(20:12 seq.)**.

There is a difference between the earthly and the risen body; for the risen bodies of both saints and sinners shall be invested with immortality. This admirable restoration of nature is the result of the glorious triumph of Christ over death as described in several texts of Sacred Scripture.

CHARACTERISTICS OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

The Resurrection of Christ has much in common with the general resurrection; even the transformation of His body and of His bodily life is of the same kind as that which awaits the blessed in their resurrection. But the following peculiarities must be noted:

-Christ's body was to know no corruption, but rose again soon after death, when sufficient time had elapsed to leave no doubt as to the reality of His death.

-Christ was the first to rise unto life immortal; those raised before Him died again **(Col.1:18; 1 Cor.15:20)**.

-As the Divine power which raised Christ from the grave was His own power, He rose from the dead by His own power **(John 2:19; 10:17-18)**.

-Since the Resurrection had been promised as the main proof of Christ's Divine mission, it has a greater dogmatic importance than any other fact. "If Christ be not risen again, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain." **(1Cor. 15:14)**.

IMPORTANCE OF THE RESURRECTION

Besides being the fundamental argument for our Christian belief, the Resurrection is important for the following reasons:

-It shows the justice of God who exalted Christ to a life of glory, as Christ had humbled Himself unto death **(Phil. 2:8-9)**.

-The Resurrection completed the mystery of our salvation and redemption; by His death Christ freed us from sin, and by His Resurrection He restored to us the most important privileges lost by sin **(Rom. 4:25)**.

-By His Resurrection we acknowledge Christ as the immortal God, the efficient and exemplary cause of our own resurrection **(1Cor. 15:21; Phil. 3: 20-21)**, and as the model and the support of our new life of grace **(Rom. 6:4-6; 9-11)**.

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longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus." **(Romans 6:9-11)**

St. Peter writes in his letter, "For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps." **(1Peter 2:21)**

Jesus is calling us for His work. Are you ready? For He promises you, "everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life." **(Matthew 19:29)**

"...as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ." (1 Corinthians 15:22-23)

BIBLE QUIZ!

II. JESUS AFTER RESURRECTION

The truth of Christianity rests heavily on the Resurrection. If Jesus rose from the grave, who saw Him? How trustworthy were the witnesses?

Those who claimed to have seen the risen Jesus went on to turn the world upside down. Most of them also died for being followers of Christ. People rarely die for halfhearted belief.

These are the people who saw Jesus risen from the grave :

- i) Mary Magdalene
- ii) The other women at the tomb
- iii) Peter in Jerusalem
- iv) Ten disciples behind closed doors
- v) The two travelers on the road
- vi) Seven disciples while fishing
- vii) Eleven disciples on the mountain
- viii) Jesus' brother James
- ix) A crowd of 500
- x) All the disciples, with Thomas

➤ Now, specify the name(s) of the book(s) of the New Testament and the location (Chapter & verses) where all each of these apparitions are mentioned.

ANSWERS TO Last Month's QUIZ I SABBATH MIRACLES

- i) Luke (14:1-6) ; ii) Luke (13:10-17)
- iii) John (9:1-17)
- iv) Matthew (12:9-14), Mark (3:1-6) and Luke (6:6-11)
- v) Mark (1:21-28) & Luke (4:31-37)
- vi) John 5:1-18
- vii) Matthew (8:14-15), Mark(1:29-31) and Luke(4:38-39)

Rules to be followed:

- ① Answers may be sent by post or e-mail latest by the 20th of the month. Answers received after the 20th will not be considered.
 - ② You should clearly specify your name and postal address. Mention the quiz number and title before the answers written in order.
 - ③ You may consult any Bible (complete) for answering the quiz.
 - ④ Prizes will be awarded to the winners of three consecutive quizzes.
 - ⑤ Answers and winners of each quiz will be published in the subsequent issue of the newsletter.
- Thanks for taking the Quiz! Good Luck!**

'LIVING WITNESSES' OF GOD IN JEEVAN DHAM



**AN UNBELIEVABLE MIRACLE!
SHE WAS A EUNUCH
EARLIER... BUT A GIRL
NOW! AND YES, IT'S A
FACT, NOT A FICTION**

Praise be to Jesus!

Thanks be to Jesus!

I have a 3-year old daughter Monica. When she was a year old, I came to know that she was a eunuch. A doctor in Ballabgarh, Faridabad saw her, did all the necessary tests and discovered that the mouth of her uterus is closed. He said that she would have to undergo an operation but only when she reached the age of 12. He added that I should reveal this to the man with whom my daughter would marry. A chill went down my spine. I could not think of any solution to this horrible situation. I was very much worried about her future. Moreover, I was afraid that if eunuchs came to know about this, they would surely snatch away my daughter.

I spent days of dejection, fear and anxiety. Then one day a neighbour told me about Jeevan Dham where people come to pray to Yesu Baba and witness miracles and wonders in His name. I came here last year for the first time with a ray of hope and little faith. I

started coming regularly only three weeks back. Yesterday, on Saturday night after praying to Jesus, I looked at my daughter. I was completely amazed because I found the vaginal canal opened up. I was overjoyed. I firmly believe that this is, indeed, the work of the Word of God. What nobody else could do, God has done for me.

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you." (Jer. 1:5)

"What you have done will be praised from one generation to the next; they will proclaim your mighty acts. They will speak of your glory and majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful deeds. People will speak of your mighty deeds, and I will proclaim your greatness."

(Psalms 145:4-6)

Kanchan(Mother);
Monica(daughter),
Bhagat Singh Colony, Faridabad.

ALMIGHTY GOD OPENED MY DEAF EARS!

Praise be to Jesus!

Thanks be to Jesus!

I, Shakuntala (age-30 years), was deaf for the last 22 years. A grain of wheat had fallen into my ears while I was playing. I was eight years old then. It broke my ear-drum and I became deaf on that ear. 15 years after my marriage, I went to a village doctor due to constant pain in my ears, pus had also started oozing out of it. Later an ENT specialist in Delhi declared that an operation is required for restoring my hearing. But the expenses were too high for us. So, I did not have any operation.

Few days later, I heard from one of my relatives about the miraculous prayer service held at Jeevan Dham, Faridabad. I started coming here regularly every Sunday. The loving and merciful God heard my prayers very soon. Within a month, God restored hearing sense to my ear with the broken ear drum. The power of the Word of God has

Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life." (John 11:25)

entered my ears and healed me. I can now hear everything clearly with both my ears. This is a wonderful blessing for me to remember all my life. I will thus praise Him and thank Him, for 'He is merciful and good and His love is everlasting'. Praise the Lord!!

ii) God has also freed me and my house from the powers of the evil spirit which had destroyed peace, love and joy in our family for the past 15 years. I now firmly believe that there is no other cure and no other way to destroy this devilish power than the Word of God, the 'Truth which sets everyone free'.

My words of gratitude fall short of the mercy and grace given to me by Him, my Liberator and my Saviour. Alleluia! Alleluia!

"You do not want sacrifices and offerings... Instead, you have given me ears to hear you and so I answered, "Here I am..."

(Psalms 40:6-7)

Shakuntala, Delhi.

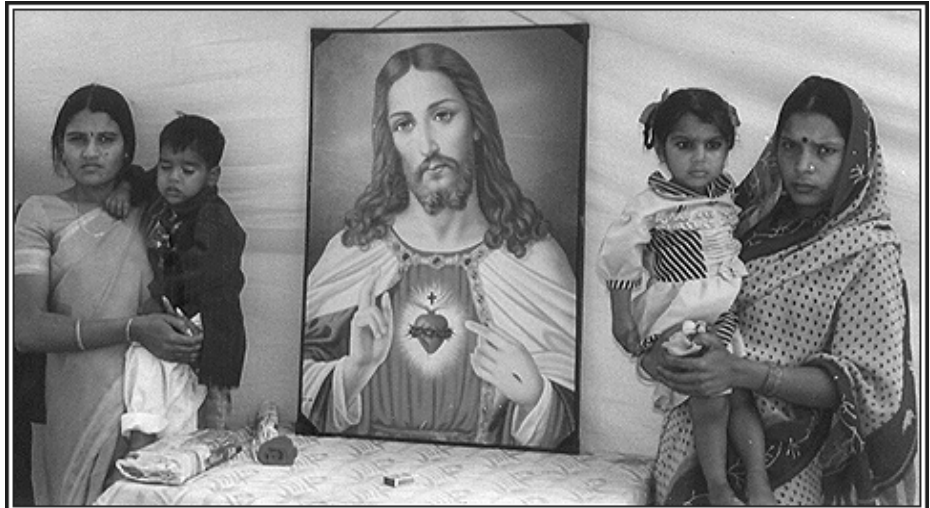
JESUS HEALED THE POLIO-STRICKEN BY BIRTH

Thanks be to Jesus!

Praise be to Jesus!

I, Ram Sunder (age – 23 years), was crippled by polio just after 3 months of my birth. My hands and legs became stiff and my whole body started shivering. This shivering never ceased and gave me sleepless nights and days all these years. My parents took me to several doctors for treatment. Later, they realized that my cure was not in the hands of any doctor. They stopped all treatment and gave up all hope of seeing me healed. I could neither walk properly nor stand erect, or balance my body. Often I fell down while walking. The fingers of my hand were stiff and my right hand fist always remained closed. So, I was unable to hold anything with my hand, not even a glass of water to drink on my own. Moreover, I could not even speak properly. I was totally left at the mercy of others.

One day one of our relatives visited our house and told me about



GOD HEALED THESE POLIO-STRICKEN CHILDREN AND STRENGTHENED THEIR LEGS

JEEVAN DHAM and the healing prayer service being held here every Sunday. He gave assurance of my healing and told me to attend the prayer service. He himself was attending this prayer service for the past three months. He brought me along with him the following Sunday, six weeks ago. I heard the powerful Word of God and listened carefully to several incredible testimonies of those who had experienced healing after attending this prayer service. I bought the prayer book "**Naya Jeevan**" and the pendants of Jesus and Mother Mary from here. I read this prayer book everyday, praying and praising God. Miraculously, changes started taking place within my body. Today, after 6 weeks, I can walk straight without stumbling. The trembling too has stopped completely and I can sleep comfortably. I can now even speak clearly with very little hesitation. I can open and close my right hand fist easily and can hold anything firmly. Today, on the stage, I could lift up the brick with my right hand when asked to do so. I praise my loving, merciful Lord a thousand times. Alleluia!

Ram Sunder, Noida.

"The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down." (Psalms 145:14)

**WARM EASTER WISHES
TO ALL THE READERS
OF DIVYA-JYOTI -
from the EDITOR**

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On Weekdays from 9:00a.m. to 11:00p.m. 24hr. Adoration is going on everyday for the last 4 months. You too can join us in prayer anytime.

HOLY MASS :

On Fridays: morning 10:00 a.m.
On Sundays: evening 6:30 p.m.

**Are you ... worried & burdened?
Are you ... depressed?
Are you ... sick or weak?
Do you ... feel the absence of peace & love in your life?
Are you ... grappling with a lot of problems in your life?**

Then visit this place chosen by God & see for yourselves all the incredible miracles happening here. This place is '**JEEVAN DHAM**'. Believe in God & attend the prayer session held every Sunday at St. Anthony's School (ground), Sec-9, Faridabad from morning 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. organized with the grace of Almighty God by 'Jeevan Dham'- H.no.696/ Sec-22, Faridabad. Obtain invaluable graces & heavenly blessings & witness the miraculous healings performed by Him.

WELCOME TO JEEVAN DHAM!