

*Get out of bed, Jerusalem!
Wake up. Put your face in the sunlight.
God's bright glory has risen for you.
The whole earth is wrapped in darkness,
all people sunk in deep darkness,
But God rises on you,
his sunrise glory breaks over you.
Isaiah 60: 1-2 TMSG*

Greetings,

Our faith ancestors were coming out of the darkness of exile and homeland destruction when Isaiah wrote these words of encouragement and inspiration.

None of us have experienced the horrors of captivity in a foreign land but we do know about shadows and gloom. From the pandemic to persistent mass shootings to personal struggles and loss, we too long for God's "sunrise glory" to break over us.

Hence Jesus...

Hence Resurrection...

Jesus did not rise to put an end to physical death. It is an unescapable reality this side of those Blingy Gates. Nor did the Resurrection create a special pass for certain individuals to get into heaven. Rationing of blessings is not part of the Divine Manifesto.

God raised Jesus as an endorsement of his message of peace and justice and love. It was an affirmation of God's own commitment to these principles - a declaration of God's nature and attributes.

The Resurrection is the promise that goodness and light SHALL triumph!

Life DOES follow death.

Vaccines DO control viruses.

Schools and shopping, eating-out and worshipping-in WILL revive.

Love NEVER gives up.

Join us on Easter Sunday to celebrate Love's amazing risings!

Deepest Easter Blessings,

Brenda