

Oh the Deep Deep Love of Jesus

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KLTu1xv2-Us>

Lyrics: https://hymnary.org/text/o_the_deep_deep_love_of_jesus

He's alive

Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0gGa1w_bnvM

Lyrics: <https://genius.com/Don-francisco-hes-alive-lyrics>

Peter couldn't stop grinning. I mean, he still needed to talk to Jesus about the whole denying thing, but his best friend was alive. Alive!! ALIVE! His smile was so big it made his cheeks ache and he was skipping around the room like a kid, but he didn't care. He had absolutely no idea what it all meant yet, but he couldn't wait to spend the rest of his life finding out. For now, all of those emotions that he had felt like he'd been drowning in, danced themselves out in praise of the one he loved. He's Alive. He's REALLY ALIVE.

His joy was infectious. Some of the other disciples had stood there gobsmacked, unsure if they were seeing a ghost or how to respond, but even they were starting to come alive. Mary giggled a little, She'd already been through this and was quite enjoying being in the know and getting to watch everyone else's reactions! She and Jesus grinned at each other. This was kinda fun! She'd told them, but they struggled to believe her. She understood, she'd heard it from an Angel, and it took a while for her to comprehend it too. The thing that had most convinced them was her joy. Nothing else could have turned the awkward broken woman into this bold and joyful one proclaiming the good news. Nothing else. She loved Jesus so much, nothing but him really being alive could make this change in her. Could make this change in all of them. A room full of fearful and grieving disciples who had been redeemed from something far greater than the Romans and who also felt newly alive. This truly was a glorious day

Easter Hymns/Songs/Readings

(By request??)

Fetke Medley? - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ArnB9ZgQ1Rw>

Thine be the glory - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BH_ltXIHgHQ

You're Alive (Led like a lamb) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6FouNdeqH0o>

Easter song - Keith Green - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NcPe8b_FT84

Here is love vast as the ocean - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICgn4KT_YVs

The Power of the cross - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ubGCISQQ7Zo>

Hope is what you get when you suddenly realize that a different worldview is possible, a worldview in which the rich, the powerful, and the unscrupulous do not after all have the last word. The same worldview shift that is demanded by the resurrection of Jesus is the shift that will enable us to transform the world.

Christ Arose - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6hAUjTD1Gno>

Christ the Lord is Risen today - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XvelGmAUDkQ>

Hallelujah what a saviour - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XlnifUz_Ulw

118:1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

118:2 **Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."**

118:14 The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

118:15 **There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;**

118:16 the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

118:17 **I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.**

118:18 The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

118:19 **Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

118:20 This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

118:21 **I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

118:22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

118:23 **This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

118:24 This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

In Christ Alone - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JnXv2gAfPpE>

Peter lingered at the back. The adrenaline had worn off and he was feeling shy and awkward. "I will never deny you Lord... I tell you, I don't know the man" were echoing through his head. How could he be forgiven for turning his back on the one he loved when he most needed support? What kind of person was he?

He didn't notice that the group had gone silent.

Simon, son of John, do you truly love me more than these? Jesus' voice was calm but still had an air of authority.

Yes Lord, You know that I love you! Simon wasn't sure that words were convincing when his actions had demonstrated otherwise.

Jesus smiled. Feed my lambs.

Peter pondered it for a moment till Jesus stood up and came over to him.

Simon, son of John, do you truly love me?

Yes Lord, you know that I do!

Jesus' words were quiet, but intense. Take care of my sheep.

Jesus bent down so he was face to face with Peter

Do you love me? Jesus was gazing into Peter's eyes.

A tear slipped out. Maybe Jesus didn't believe him, and he couldn't blame him.

Lord you know all things; you know that I love you.

Jesus smiled and wiped the tear away.

Feed my sheep. The love was shining in Jesus' eyes, the forgiveness was given freely, and Peter had never felt anything quite so beautiful. Compassion and grace and love grew within

him. He felt.. Free. Alive. He chuckled under his breath. He must remember to tell Mary, he

finally understood. He finally understood the kind of love that could waste a whole bottle of

expensive perfume. Jesus' words "Feed my sheep" were echoing around his head in place

of his denial. He didn't care what it cost him. He still faced an uncertain and difficult future.

Yes Lord. Yes. A thousand times yes.

I then shall live

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VNisXkfu07k>

May the God of peace,

who raised from the dead our Lord Jesus,

provide us with every good thing we need

in order to do his will;

and the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

be with us now and forever.

Amen.