



Something Surprising Luke 24:1-9

What did you expect when you came in this morning? It's all really rather like it normally is. Perhaps you'd have been upset if anything had been different? It would have been a surprise, maybe a shock if we had done things differently.

Surprises.

ARE YOU READY FOR A SURPRISE?

The women certainly weren't ready for a surprise when they went to the tomb. When they got there, they were expecting to anoint the BODY of Jesus. The problem was, they didn't know that the GUARDS that had been ordered there by Pilate were still there and if they weren't, whether they could move the massive BOULDER from the opening of the tomb.

When they got there, what a surprise was waiting for them – there was NO STONE, NO GUARDS and NO BODY. They had seen Jesus die. They had seen the soldier put a spear into Jesus to make sure he was well and truly dead but now He was gone. Of course the biggest shock of all was that Jesus was alive!.

What sort of things do we associate with Easter. Here are 4 things FAMILIAR STORY, DAFFODILS, EASTER EGGS, SOUND OPF MUSIC (where's that this year).

But what God wants us to have found this Easter is a person – Jesus. The Jesus who came back to life then is the Jesus who is alive now.

SOMEONE WHO IS ALWAYS THERE

You see, if He's alive He's always there

SOMEONE WHO CAN ALWAYS BE TRUSTED

We can speak to Him any time.

SOMEONE WHO GIVES LIFE

He is someone who gives life – He wants to be part of yours. That's why He died. He died so he could take the penalty for my sins and yours. This means we can know Him and be with Him forever. But if we want to know Him and know Him with us then we've got to be prepared to come before Him and say we are sorry for our sins and decide to follow Him and do what He says – then He'll forgive us, come into our lives. Following Jesus is just amazing.

Perhaps you've done that – then this is a reminder to you that this isn't a dead story – Jesus is alive and wants you to know He's always there in the good times and the difficult times. He knows you personally and He brings life into every situation we entrust to Him.

JESUS IS ALIVE!

So let Jesus into your life or back into your life this Easter. Be surprised and be amazed by Him!