



The darkness of our world seems darker right now. It's hard to see. It's hard to envision the future, it's hard to make plans. It's hard. On that fateful Friday afternoon, the skies grew dark as death seemed to snatch away the life of the Son of God. The earth shook. The veil was torn. And the light went out.

For those who knew him, it was hard to imagine a future without him. It was hard to draw the will enough to go on. Life without Jesus, life in the dark, seemed utterly hopeless.

But then . . . something shifted. The most powerful event in the history of humankind was unveiled. Light came back to life. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not

overcome it (John 1:4-5). Nothing could stop the light for long. No darkness was dark enough, for darkness is a light to you (Psalm 139:12).

In Jesus, hope is alive. Hope is eternal. Hope cannot be squelched by threatening darkness. For death and darkness have been beaten once and for all of us. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:3).

He is risen!

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