

# Oaks-West Church of Christ

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## **Up From the Grave, He Arose!**

*by Darrell Trammel*

One of my favorite hymns is “Christ Arose.” I am thankful for those who have so wonderfully put into words the awe that we feel when we understand the truth God has revealed to us. With this particular song, the music and the words capture the emotion and joy at the knowledge of having a savior that died for us, but that He gained victory over death through that resurrection.

While Jesus was on the cross, many mocked Him. They thought that if Jesus was going to triumph over His enemies, it would be before death - that triumph would mean He wouldn't have to die! In Mark 15:29-30 it says, “And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three

days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!” This was not the triumph that was planned. That would come in 3 days. When Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome came to the tomb to finish the burial process with spices, they were told, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples.” (Mark 16:6-7). Paul said in 1 Corinthians 5:14, “And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.” Without His resurrection, we cannot have hope of being raised in the end!

The chorus of the song says, “Up from the grave He arose, with a mighty triumph o'er His foes.” The resurrection was the

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true triumph, but it was a different triumph than those mocking Him at the cross were thinking of. His triumph was over death itself. He brought victory for all that are His! 1 Corinthians 15:57 states, "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." My response? Amen!

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## **Christ, the Way**

By George Slover

"Jesus said to him, " I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:6)

Before the Lord's death, resurrection, and ascension to heaven, he prepared his apostles for their mission after his departure. This would have been a startling revelation, for most likely they did not envision the events about to take place. Thomas voiced his concern: "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" (John 14:5) Jesus' answer is revealed in the well known text above. Jesus states he is the way. In fact, he is the only way!

Christ is the only way to a knowledge of God. In the same setting he told Philip, "He who has seen Me has seen the Father." (John 14:9) By his earthly life and ministry, he not only points to the disposition of the father, but displayed the very power of deity. God became flesh and dwelt among men.

Christ is the only way to favor with God. God is infinitely righteous. He is totally incapable of evil and repulsed by our sin and rebellion. The blood of Christ is the only path to reconciliation with God. (Romans 5:8-11)

Christ is the only way to fellowship with God. The unregenerate are called "children of wrath (Ephesians 2:3), but through Christ one is adopted into God's family to become his child. (Galatians 3:26,27)

Christ is the only way to the Father's presence. Jesus was about to leave them to go to the Father. Through Christ alone, one day God's people will be able to enjoy the Father's eternal presence. Jesus is showing the way home.

Contrary to the "many roads" ploy of Satan, Jesus says, "I am the way." Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

## Welcome!

When you visit our assemblies, you will be received friendly, kindly and courteously. We believe this to be the natural attitude of those who truly love God and mankind. Though you may at first be among strangers, we hope that you will come to know us well and count us as your friends.

**We offer Bible studies as well as correspondence courses for those interested in learning more about what God expects of us.**



**Upcoming Ladies' Bible Classes** - March 10 at Elaine Kersch's home.

**Song Practice** - March 15, 5:00 p.m.

**Our Gospel Meeting** - March 1-4 with Rickie Jenkins

**Singing** - March 1, 7:00 p.m. at the O'Connor Road church of Christ in San Antonio.

**Gospel Meeting** - March 7-10 with Kevin O'Banion at Northwest church of Christ in Austin.

If you know of upcoming events, please inform Darrell so they can be included here.



Please remember the following individuals in your daily prayers:

June Owens

Jack Wilson

Jerry Richardson

Karen Hallmark

Autumn Felps

Jason Smarr

If you know of someone that needs to be on this list, please tell Darrell (email preferred) and provide updates so names stay on the list as long as needed.

We have many that face challenges on a daily basis and need your prayers as well.

**“praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,”**  
**(Ephesians 6:18 ESV)**

