



## He Lives

By Jeff Bedwell on October 10, 2022

### TODAY'S READING: John 20

John 20 records for us the discovery of the central fact of our life and faith – the resurrection of Jesus Christ! John tells us the purpose of all the things he has recorded in his gospel record, *“Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name”* (John 20:30–31, ESV).

“Why should I worship a dead Jew?”

This challenging question was posed by a sincere young Jewish student who had been attending evangelistic meetings conducted by the author and composer, Alfred H. Ackley. Ackley’s answer was in part, *“He lives! I tell you, He is not dead, but lives here and now! Jesus Christ is more alive today than ever before. I can prove it by my own experience, as well as the testimony of countless thousands.”* Out of that experience Ackley would eventually sit down at the piano and compose the song that is still sung by Christ-followers decades later, “He Lives.” The words of this hymn remind us of the hope that is ours through our faith in the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ!

*I serve a risen Savior; He’s in the world today; I know that He is living, whatever men may say;  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer, and just the time I need Him He’s always near.*

*In all the world around me I see His loving care, and tho my heart grows weary I never will despair;  
I know that He is leading thru all the stormy blast; the day of His appearing will come at last.*

*Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!  
The hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find, none other is so loving, so good and kind.*

**Chorus:** *He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life’s narrow way.  
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.*

As you read today’s passage, worship God, and give thanks for the salvation and the life abundant, and eternal made possible through the life, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ! You may even want to sing the hymn above in worship to the Lord today.

**PRAYER:** Father, I praise You for sending Jesus Christ to redeem and rescue me. Help me live today in the hope and joy of the resurrection. Help me share that hope and joy with those that You will bring across my path today.

**TOMORROW'S READING:** John 21

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