

Luke 10:39 “She had a sister named Mary, which also sat at Jesus’ feet and heard His Word.”

## **NEWSLETTER: “MOMENTS WITH MARY”**

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### **“THE PROMISE OF GLORY!”**

**Job 14:14 NIV “If a man die, shall he live again? All the days of my hard service I will wait for my renewal to come.”**

**Job 19:25-27 NIV “I know that my Redeemer lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God, I myself will see him with my own eyes - I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!”**

**John 5:28-29 NIV “Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out – those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned.”**

**What a question to ponder! Is there really New Life after we die? Will man really live again? Where will he go?**

**Easter is coming soon! The church will celebrate with special services and events. People will focus on the Risen Savior with joyful songs! Happy Resurrection Day is a common greeting among Believers! The fact of the Resurrection is a promise of Glory for us! Christ is the Firstfruits of the Resurrection! Look at the words of John 6:39-40 “And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that I shall lose none of all He has given Me, but raise them up at that last day. For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.”**

**There were many witnesses to the Risen Christ. That Promise of Glory for us was based on the evidence of the Resurrected Christ!**

**Luke 24:6-8 “He is not here; He has risen! Remember how He told you, while He was still with you in Galilee: The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again” Then they remembered His words.”**

**On the day of Pentecost, Peter preached a mighty sermon that resulted in 3000 converts!  
Acts 2:32 “God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact.”**

**Paul also explained in 1 Cor. 15:51-52 the wondrous Promise of Glory! “Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep (die) but we will all be changed – in a flash, the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.”**

**Promise after Promise in the Old Testament as well as the New Testament reveals God’s Plan to resurrect the believers and give them Eternal Life! Christ’s Resurrection is history, a day we celebrate His victory over death, hell and the grave! As we look back at His Glory, we can also look forward to the day when God’s Promise of Glory for the Believers shall be fulfilled for us! Check out some of the following Bible verses. [Mal.3:16-17 Psalm 49:15 Ezek. 37:13 Dan. 12:1-3]**

**In the days of the Early Church, many false ideas and doctrines developed about the Risen Christ and cast doubts about the Promise of Glory for Believers. Today's society is no different! Old false doctrines arise clothed in "new" garments to deceive multitudes! They hate to admit these Biblical truths! They come up with all kinds of false beliefs to try to explain God's Word away! They do not want to face the reality of penalty for sin and they say a real hell does not exist! They claim they have no need for a Crucified Savior! They say His Blood sacrifice is not needed since they do not believe there is an existence of sin! They even deny there is evil in the world today! Now that one really amazes me in the face of all the wickedness and cruelty that abounds today! Seems some celebrities and even ministers just want to "tickle the ears" of people and lull them into a false sense of security!**

**Easter Sunday is so much more than nice new clothes, a dinner out or eggs dyed in pretty colors and little bunnies or chicks around! All these things can be enjoyable, but believe me, they are temporary! God's Promise of Glory, our own resurrection, is everlasting! What peace His promise brings to our minds and souls! 2 Thess 2:14-15 "He [Jesus Christ] called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter."**

**When we see or hear teachings contrary to God's Word, we know the "authority" by which they speak certainly is not from our Lord! When Jesus taught or preached, He stood on the authority of God! 1 Thess. 4:1-2 "Finally brothers, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus."**

**Just as surely as our Lord Jesus Christ rose from the grave, one day, we too, will rise to glory! What a promise! Listen to the words in the following verses that are spoken with God's authority, which is absolutely above anyone on this earth!**

**1 Thess 4:14- "We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep [died] in Him. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words."**

**May this Easter season be one of the most confident and joyful you have celebrated to date! Share this good News with others!**

**If you have questions, comments or prayer requests, please contact me at one of the above addresses.**

**May God's Blessings rest upon you!  
Love in Christ, Mary Mayko**