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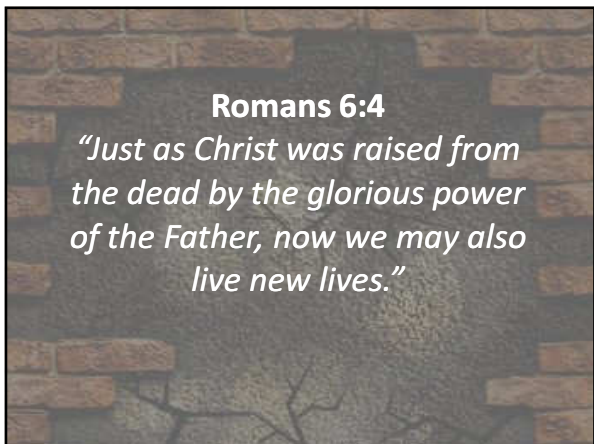
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**Parable of the Prodigal Son  
(Luke 15:11-13a)**  
*"A man had two sons. The younger son told his father, 'I want my share of your estate now, instead of waiting until you die.' So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons. A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and took a trip to a distant land."*

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**RECOGNIZE  
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*"When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, 'At home even the hired men have food enough to spare, and here I am, dying of hunger!'"*  
 – Luke 15:17

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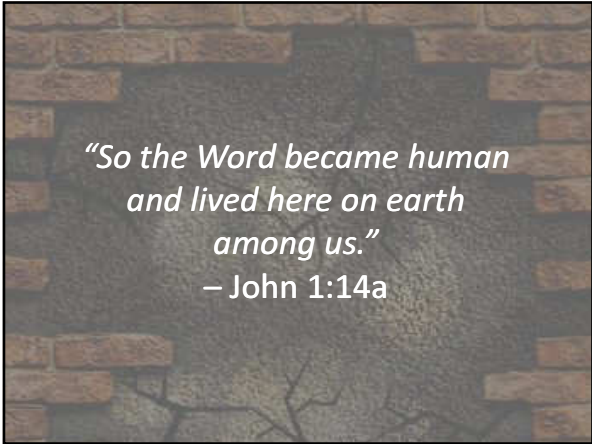
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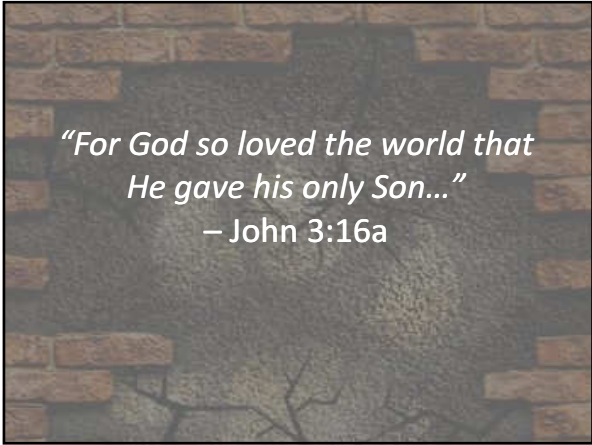
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*"I will go home to my father and say, 'Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired man.' So he returned home to his father."  
– Luke 15:18-20a*

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➤ You see, Easter **IS NOT** about us overcoming our sin so that we can be with God.  
  
➤ Easter **IS ABOUT** God overcoming our sin so that He can be with us.

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*"Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom."  
– Mark 15:37-38*

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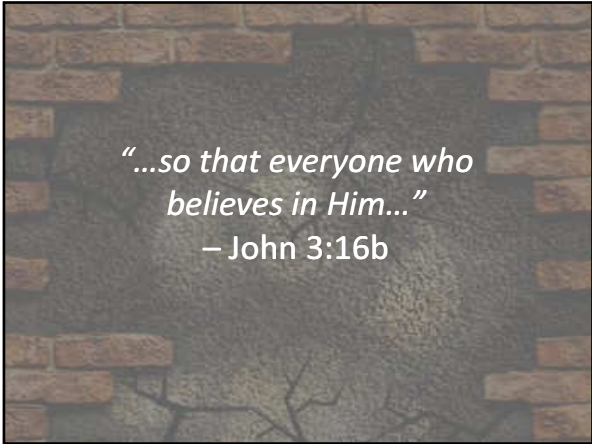
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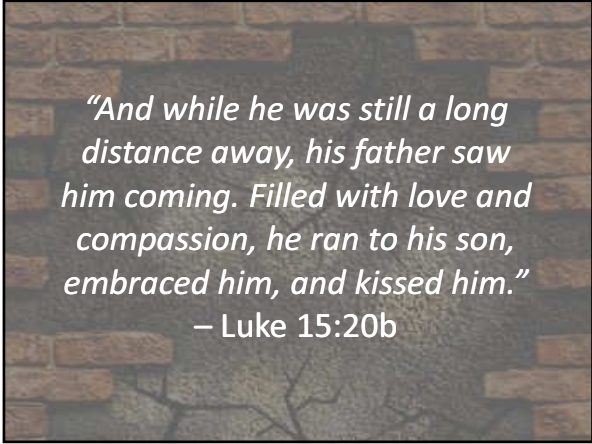
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*“His father said to the servants,  
‘Quick! Bring the finest **robe** in the  
house and put it on him. Get a **ring**  
for his finger, and **sandals** for his  
feet. And kill the **calf** we have been  
fattening in the pen.*

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*We must celebrate with a feast, for  
this son of mine was dead and has  
now returned to life. He was lost,  
but now he is found.’ So the party  
began.”*  
– Luke 15:22-24

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*“...will not perish but have  
eternal life.”*  
– John 3:16c

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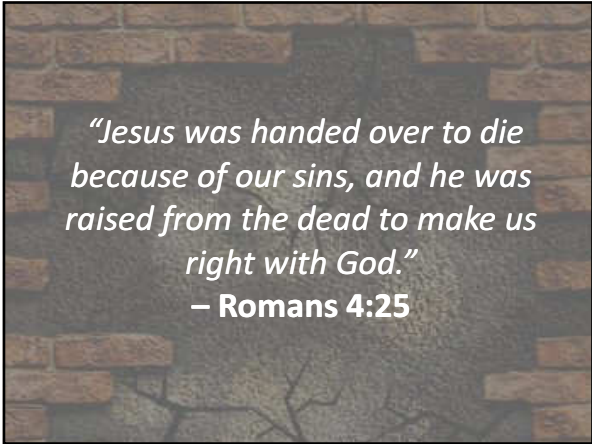
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