**Easter 2020**

**Title: The King is Alive**

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***Revelation 1:17-18***

*17When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. 18I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.*

**No Condemnation**

***Romans 8:31-38***

*31What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? 33Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. 34Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—****more than that, who was raised to life****—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. 35Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36As it is written:*

*“For your sake we face death all day long;  
    we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”*

*37No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**Present Help**

***Ephesians 1:18-20***

*18I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, 19and his incomparably great power for us who believe.* ***That power is the same as the mighty strength 20he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead*** *and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms.*

**Future Hope**

***1 Peter 1:3-6***

*3Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a* ***living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead****, 4and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 5who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 6In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.*

***1 Peter 1:13***

*Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming.*