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The True Easter

During your preparations for Easter, you may have heard someone say, "All this work and it will all be over soon." Sorry, but they're wrong.

Easter as a celebration of the return of spring, the Easter of the Easter Bunny and colored eggs and candy, fancy hats and new spring clothes may be over by Easter Monday, not to come around again until next year. But the true Easter, the celebration of Christ's resurrection, is never over. Easter is an ongoing reality, the daily reminder and celebration of a continuing fact: Christ, who was raised from death, is alive today, tomorrow and forever!

As such, may we daily keep our eyes on the empty tomb lying open, in our families, in our community, and in our souls. Indeed dear ones, may we daily look and see the life and light of the Risen Christ that continues to shine in a darkened world. Together, may we truly reflect the hope, the joy, and newness of life given to God's people everywhere.

In short, together may we show what it looks like to live in the promise of an unbreakable Love, the true gift of Easter, the gift of God given to us and for us...forever!

Peace & Passion... Pastor Mark

Be *Strong* and *Courageous*.
Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged,
for the *Lord* your *God*
will be with you wherever you go.

~Joshua 1:9