



پیام نیکوی ماه:

چه کسی سنگ را خواهد خلدانیر؟

پیغام ویژه: قیام مسیح
از جناب کشیش تت استورات

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(انجیل لوقا فصل ۲۴ آیات ۱-۶)

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۱. (شاگردان) هر روز در هیکل به یک دل پیوسته می بودند ... خوراک را به خوشی و **ساده دلی** می خوردند. (اعمال رسولان ۲: ۴۶)
۲. عادلان را بگویند که ایشان را **سعادت مندی** خواهد بود. (اشعیا نبی ۳: ۱۰)
۳. "ای پدر، ای خداوند آسمان و زمین، تو را **سیاس** می گویم" (لوقا ۱۰: ۲۱)
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۴. یهوه تو را **سلامتی** بخشد (اعداد ۶: ۲۶)
۵. "... **سرور** خداوند قوت شماست" (نحمیا ۸: ۱۰)
۶. هر که خود را فروتن سازد **سرافراز** گردد (متی ۲۳: ۱۲)
۷. ما را از قبل تعیین نمود تا او را پسر خوانده شویم... برای **ستایش** جلال فیض خود. (افسیان ۱: ۶)

دعای ما این است که این ۷ سین ایمان نه تنها در این ۱۳ روز اول سال،
که همه روزه همراه شما بوده
و برکات الهی را برای تمام ایام عمرتان به ارمغان آورد.

همه جای ایران سرای من است!

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“Who Will Roll Away the Stone?”

An Easter Message
From Pastor Tat Stewart

On the Friday that Jesus of Nazareth was crucified darkness covered the earth. As Jesus died on the cross those who loved him most died inside for all their hopes were drained from their hearts. Jesus had been their beloved friend and teacher and now he was gone and with him went all their reasons for life. How quickly life can lose its joy. Maybe as you read this, your life is going through a time of great testing and you are groping in the darkness for a reason to go on. If that is the case, God invites you to move from the darkness of Friday to the sunrise of Sunday, the day of Jesus' victory and glory.

It was very early Sunday morning when Jesus' mother and the other woman quietly made their way to the tomb where Jesus had been buried. The Romans had buried him in a cave like tomb and sealed his grave with a huge rock. As the women made their way to the tomb they were completely silent in their individual grief but a common question troubled each of them. Mark in his Gospel tells us what that question was. "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" (Mark 16:3) With each step the woman took toward the tomb the question grew larger. "Who will roll away the stone?"

The glorious news of Easter is recorded for us by Mark, when he reports, "But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away." (Mark 16:4) The stone that had sealed Jesus' death had been rolled away. The stone that had been rolled in place by the Romans and sealed with the Emperor's seal had been broken. The tomb was empty and Jesus was alive!

Now there are many immovable stones in our lives that separate us from the joy of fellowship with our God. The first great stone that Jesus removes is the stone of sin. Sin is falling short of the perfection of Jesus Christ and turning and going our own way. Sin separates us from God and it cannot be removed by human effort. Sin

leaves us in darkness and despair. However, when Jesus died on the cross he took the penalty of our sin upon him and when he rose from the dead he opened the way for us to know the love and fellowship of God. This Easter are you still living in the defeat of Friday or have you like the women discovered that God has rolled the stone of sin away. The great joy of Easter is that Jesus is alive and he has come to make us alive in him. He has come to turn our cold dark hearts into a place of light and joy in Him. If you do not know this joy and peace ask God to reveal who Jesus is to you. He is a faithful God and will reward those who seek him.

Another great stone that weighs mankind down is death. Death is our greatest enemy and separates us from those who we love. Death stole Jesus from his loved ones on Friday but on Easter morning God raised Jesus from the dead. While all other great religious leaders have a tomb, Jesus does not. If you go to Jerusalem today they will show you an empty grave where Jesus had been buried. That is why Jesus declared, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11:25-26) That is why John wrote, "And this is the testimony God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son." (I John 5:11) This Easter are you sure that you

have eternal life? Are you sure that when your time on earth is over that you will enter into the presence of God? It is faith in Christ that he did roll this great stone away that leads to such a hope. My prayer for you this Easter is that you will let Jesus roll away your burden of sin and your fear of death. May the glory of the Risen Lord shine in and through you.

RESURRECTION OF CHRIST, MY SPIRITUAL AWAKENESS

As a teenager, I was very curious and loved to know God and understand him. I was seeking for the truth. I used to ask my religion teachers in high school about God, their answer was like this: "Human being can only have a limited understanding of God". I was first introduced to Christianity through a movie named "The Song of Bernadette"! I assumed to learn more about Christ and Christianity; I should learn Assyrian or Armenian Language first. It seemed to very complicated, so I just left it there. My real desire was finding God. So I decided to learn more about my own religion "Islam". The more I read, the more I had doubt. At the beginning of my preparation (training) for military service, I met a young Christian man. Soon we became friends. I felt free to ask him about his belief. Our conversation was very interesting and enlightening for me. His answers were so sweet to my soul. He gave me a Persian Bible and the address of a Persian church. After the training, we were sent to different locations and we lost touch. I started to read the gospel carefully and I enjoyed reading it, but I had significant problems, which were contradicted to Quran. Gospel called Jesus "the **Son of God**" and according to Gospel, Christ was crucified and died on the cross for our

sin, resurrected after 3 days and went to heaven. But according to Quran, Jesus was a prophet and some body else instead of him was crucified.

I was still looking for the answers and seeking for the truth and this time again in Islam! I prayed very hard but I couldn't find any closeness to God. I saw just lots of meaningless religious laws, I didn't know how they could help me to come closer to God and find the truth! I felt empty spiritually. I didn't know the purpose of my life and the meaning of happiness. I was depressed. I started to smoke and it got worst. My family was very worry about me and particularly about my health. I tried many times to give up smoking but it seemed to be impossible.

One day I just went to the Persian church. I hoped to meet and talk to my old friend. He wasn't there, but I stayed to listen to the sermon. Some thing amazing happened. As the pastor started preaching, I had the feeling that he is talking just to me. He was answering my questions without even being asked. As he was done, I just rushed to leave. I thought every body else knows too that he meant me. I was so ashamed that I didn't go back for a while. Eventually I went back to hear and learn more and I continued to go there.

One day after the service, pastor asked every body to pray, and I prayed with them too. I prayed genuinely

and from the bottom of my heart to God to help me to find the truth, to take my hand and not to let me down. At the same day I made my most important decision in my life. I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and my only savior. I come to love him and make him part of my life everyday. I had the feeling as I was **born again**. I have seen everything with a different point of view. I felt free and happy and for the first time I was in peace with myself. With the Holy Spirit guidance, all my questions were answered.

One of the blessings of this new life was that I quit smoking, this time it wasn't difficult at all. I did it with power of my faith and love to God. My family was witnessing all that positive change in me and the entire blessing in my new life. After a short time members of my family one after another accepted Jesus Christ as their own savior. And today I'm happy to announce Jesus is the only Lord and Savior of all of us.

Amen,

Ebrahim,

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