

The Risen Jesus of Easter Is Our Christian Story



Disciples of the Way Ministries

*A Ministry of People of All Nations
reaching out to People from All Nations*

"Christ is Risen ... He is Risen Indeed!"

Greetings in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!



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Our Sewing Seeds of Faith (SSOF) ministry team took its new Muslim refugee

students to their second nursing home visit this year to offer their handmade "Easter Comfort Blankets" and to help them contemplate our Easter Story. Our Muslim neighbors have heard of Easter and have seen Christians celebrate Easter (egg hunting, the Easter bunny, etc.) but never really seemed to understand why Easter is central to our Christian story.

Here at DOW ministries, our Muslim friends continue to attend our daily devotions three times a week, and even Ramadan fasting couldn't stop them from sitting around the table and listening to the Word of God. They love to hear Jesus's parables and the Gospel story of how Jesus suffered and died on the cross for the world's sin and how, according to God's promise, he rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. They hear the Word of God in their heart-language (Arabic) and believe for certain that Jesus' death and resurrection brings them peace, comfort here on Earth, and gives them eternal life because of His resurrection. Our salvation by faith in the crucified and risen Christ really makes sense of the Easter Story. They also realize that only those who believe in Jesus will receive eternal life.

"That God so loved the World that he sent his one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" - John 3:16

During our trip to the nursing homes, I ask them to cover the elderly people with the Easter comfort blankets they've made, and I remind them of the comfort of God in His word ***"who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God."*** II Corinthians.

Sometimes I hear them whisper in Arabic to each other: "Wow, this trip is not only about what these Christians teach about Jesus, it's really about who they are in Christ and how they live!" Now, let me ask you my Christian friends—what difference does the Easter story make in your life today? Do you ever take the opportunity to share it with strangers or your neighbors?

Does it really matter to you? How does it impact the way you live your life while the people around you are watching and listening?

As a matter of fact, even people who believe Jesus rose from the grave sometimes have difficulty articulating its relevancy to their lives. So, whether you are a follower of Christ or are still examining His claims, I want you to contemplate on that first Easter morning—Resurrection - Sunday when Jesus appeared to his faithful followers—and explore the significance of the resurrection and the difference it can make in your life today. Consider these words: ***"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you..."*** Today, all around the world, Jews and Muslim greet one another with the same words: "Shalom" or "Assalamo Alykum," but they have no peace with God. (Romans 5:1-6). During our nursing home visits, we usually enter each room—with permission—and say "Christ is risen for you!" Our Muslim friends really marvel at hearing the way our frail, weak elderly Christian brothers and sisters set up in their beds and confidently shout in joy:

"He is Risen indeed, HALLELUJAH"

Another Nursing Home Visit





DOW continues its "Comfort Blanket" mission by visiting different area nursing homes to share blankets, fellowship, love and prayers with those residents.

This also gives DOW a chance to witness and share God's love with our refugee sewers, volunteer's and friends who may just be learning of God and His love and compassion.

We pray, that in 2023, DOW can count on your prayers, partnership and support so that we can continue to share God's comfort in the Crucified and Risen Jesus, not only in nursing homes but also with our Muslim Refugee neighbors.





**Your support & prayers help DOW continue to
bring the Gospel of Peace & Comfort of the
Crucified and Risen Christ to our Muslim
Neighbors in Dallas, Texas!**

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