

## Jesus Is...

### He Is Risen! He Is Risen, Indeed!

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for us, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. And through our faith, God is protecting us by his power until we receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see. - **1 Peter 1:3-5**

1 Corinthians 15:3b-8; Ezekiel 36:26; John 20:1; John 20:2; John 20:11-16

**1. Jesus rolls away my stony heart of disappointment - He meets me where I'm at and replaces my disappointment with His-appointment.** *John 20:17-18; John 20:19-2*

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Disappointment - His-appointment  
change one letter, then I see;  
That the thwarting of my purpose  
is God's better choice for me.  
His appointment must be blessing  
though it may come in disguise;  
For the end, from the beginning,  
open to His vision lies.

**-Edith Lillian Young**

**2. Jesus rolls away my stony heart of fear - He brings me His peace and replaces my fear with the joy of His presence.** *John 20:24-29*

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**3. Jesus rolls away my stony heart of doubt - He shows up even when I'm faithless and lovingly reassures me that He is real.**

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**Jesus wants me to believe He is the Son of God - He has given me His Word so I can believe and have a trusting, faithful heart and a life of power!** *John 20:30-31*

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### Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever had a disappointment in life that turned into an appointment with Jesus that resulted in a deeper relationship with Him?
2. What is a fear you currently have in your life? How does the presence of Jesus in your life change your perspective and bring joy?
3. Have you ever doubted the Gospel? How does it feel to know it's normal to doubt? How does it feel to hear Jesus say, "Blessed are those who believe without seeing me"?
4. How deeply rooted are you in God's Word? Are your responses to life's challenges faithful heart responses leading to a life of power? Discuss.