

Echoes of Calvary



Weekly Newsletter – 13 | 05th Apr – 11th Apr '2026

Dear family in Christ,

Grace and peace to you as we enter the glorious week beginning with Easter Sunday. The long journey of Lent has now led us to joy—resurrection joy! Christ is risen, and with His resurrection comes new life, new hope, and new beginnings for each one of us.

This is not just a single day of celebration, but the beginning of a new way of living. The resurrection is not only something we believe—it is something we are invited to live out daily. The darkness of the cross has given way to the light of victory.

Scripture of the Week

“He is not here; He has risen, just as He said.” — Matthew 28:6

This Week’s Practice: Living the Resurrection

Lifestyle of Jesus: A Life of Victory and New Life

On Easter morning, everything changed. The stone was rolled away, the tomb was empty, and hope was restored. What seemed like defeat was revealed as victory.

The resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of our faith. It reminds us that sin does not have the final word, suffering is not the end, and death is not defeat. But Easter is not only about what happened to Jesus—it is about what is now possible for us. We are invited into resurrection life: a life marked by hope, renewal, and transformation.

This week, we pause and ask:

- What areas of my life need the new life of the resurrection?
- Am I living as someone who truly believes that Christ is risen?
- How can I carry the hope of Easter into my daily life?

The risen Christ meets us not just at the empty tomb, but in our everyday lives—bringing light into every place of darkness.

Upcoming Events to add in your daily prayers:

- Get-together, Mumbai – 14th & 15th Mar'26
- Sunrise service, Chennai – 01st May'26.
- Wednesday Fasting Prayer — 7:00 PM
- Friday Fasting Prayer — 7:00 PM
- Sunday services – 8am and 3pm onwards
- Children's Global Sunday school — Saturday, 7pm onwards on zoom

Events that happened in 15th week of 2026 (05th Apr - 11th Apr) to seek the fruit of the Word sown in your daily prayers:

- **Resurrection Sunday Service on 05th Apr'26:** The Easter Sunday (Resurrection Day) service was held at Aishwarya Mahal, bringing together the entire Calvary Church Chennai congregation along with believers from across India to worship the risen Jesus who conquered death. The service centred on the theme: **Faith, Submission, and Living It Out.** Jesus' resurrection is the ultimate proof that faith is not in vain—it is powerful, victorious, and life-changing. Faith lifts our eyes to God's promises, submission places our lives in His hands, and living in that surrender allows us to experience resurrection power daily. Today's sermon extensively references passages from the **Gospels of Luke, John, and Matthew**, describing the empty tomb, angelic appearances, and Jesus' appearances to His disciples including Thomas.

Below are some of the key points to follow:

- ✓ Believe that Jesus is alive and has risen from the dead, giving victory over sin and death.
- ✓ Trust in Him as the living Savior who is seated at God's right hand and intercedes for you.
- ✓ Strengthen your faith and overcome doubts like Thomas by seeking a personal experience with Jesus.
- ✓ Surrender your fears, doubts, and past sins to Christ for transformation and new life.
- ✓ Repent sincerely and confess your sins to receive forgiveness and renewal.
- ✓ Live a holy life that reflects true change through Jesus Christ.
- ✓ Pray regularly and depend on the Holy Spirit for strength, guidance, and power.
- ✓ Build a strong prayer life to overcome sin, fear, and spiritual struggles.
- ✓ Read and meditate on the Bible daily to grow in faith and understand God's promises.
- ✓ Apply God's Word in your life and live according to His truth.
- ✓ Be a witness of Jesus' resurrection and share the gospel boldly with others.
- ✓ Use every opportunity to spread His message of hope and salvation.

- ✓ Stay connected with other believers through fellowship, worship, and encouragement.
- ✓ Love and serve others as a reflection of Christ's love and grace.
- **Mid-week Worship on 08th Apr'26:** Today's prayer focused on the God's holiness which requires sincere, careful, and obedient worship. Meditated on 10th chapter in the Book of Leviticus which highlights **the holiness of God and the seriousness of approaching Him correctly**. It shows that worship must be done according to God's instructions, not human ideas. Below are some points for us to follow:

- ✓ Follow a life of spiritual vigilance and stay alert in your walk with God.
- ✓ Repent daily and return to your first love for Christ with sincerity.
- ✓ Stay prepared for the Lord's coming and live with endurance in faith.
- ✓ Seek growth in the Spirit and desire to be filled with the Holy Spirit.
- ✓ Obey God's instructions carefully in every area of life and service.
- ✓ Do not ignore or alter God's commands, even in small matters.
- ✓ Serve God with reverence, purity, and a sincere heart.
- ✓ Avoid mixing worldly attitudes or distractions with spiritual life.
- ✓ Maintain holiness and understand the difference between sacred and secular.
- ✓ Keep your life clean and set apart for God's purpose.
- ✓ Do not be careless or lukewarm in worship or spiritual duties.
- ✓ Examine yourself regularly and correct anything that is not right.
- ✓ Be accountable and faithful in whatever responsibility God has given you.
- ✓ Follow spiritual order and remain obedient in your calling.
- ✓ Pray consistently and seek unity with other believers.
- ✓ Use modern tools wisely for God's work without compromising your faith.
- ✓ Ensure purity and integrity while using these platforms for God's work.
- ✓ Stay disciplined, organized, and respectful in church and spiritual gatherings.
- ✓ Maintain order and seriousness in all aspects of worship and service.
- ✓ Avoid lukewarm worship and strive for wholehearted devotion.
- ✓ Serve God with passion, sincerity, and commitment at all times.
- ✓ Recognize that true revival comes through obedience, holiness, and prayer.
- ✓ Pursue a clean heart and sincere faith to experience God's presence.

➤ **Friday Fasting Service 10th Apr'26:** Today's worship emphasises on God's love, calling, and the importance of dedicated service within the church community. It contains reflections on scripture, exhortations for believers to recognize their divine calling, and practical teachings about faith, service, and stewardship. Meditated on 31st chapter in the Book of Exodus highlights **God equipping people for His work and emphasizing the importance of the Sabbath as a sign of His covenant.** It shows that both **skilful service and faithful rest** are part of honouring God. Let us prayerfully reflect on the following points:

- ✓ Worship God sincerely from your heart, expressing love and gratitude in every way.
- ✓ Recognize that God's love is vast, unchanging, and greater than anything in this world.
- ✓ Understand that God has a specific plan and purpose for your life even before birth.
- ✓ Believe that you are chosen and called personally by God.
- ✓ Respond to God's call without delay and with full commitment.
- ✓ Do not ignore or neglect the calling placed on your life.
- ✓ Allow God to transform you into a strong and faithful servant.
- ✓ Aim to become a pillar in God's kingdom through obedience and faithfulness.
- ✓ Serve God in all areas, not just visible roles like preaching or singing.
- ✓ Be willing to do small and unnoticed tasks with the same dedication.
- ✓ Value practical service like cleaning, organizing, and supporting ministry work.
- ✓ Understand that every role is important in God's house.
- ✓ Learn from biblical examples like Bezalel, Ahliab, Moses, Joshua, and Caleb.
- ✓ Recognize that God equips different people for different roles.
- ✓ Seek the anointing of the Holy Spirit to fulfil your calling effectively.
- ✓ Depend on God for wisdom, knowledge, and understanding in your work.
- ✓ Use both spiritual gifts and practical abilities for God's glory.
- ✓ Be disciplined, organized, and responsible in your service.
- ✓ Work with excellence as part of a well-ordered and united team.
- ✓ Use your time, talents, and resources for God's kingdom.
- ✓ Do not waste what God has entrusted to you.
- ✓ Remain united with other believers in love and cooperation.
- ✓ Give all glory to God for every success and achievement.
- ✓ Be open to God's guidance and direction in your life.
- ✓ Allow Him to lead you step by step in your calling.
- ✓ Build a community that reflects love, unity, and service.

**May the Lord teach you His ways and strengthen you to walk
as Jesus walked! Amen!**

**With love,
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