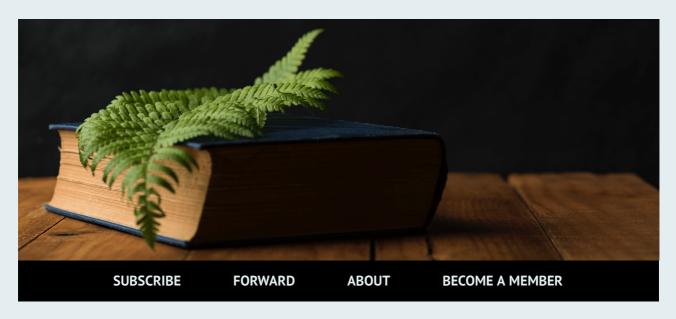


### **NZCN News**

14 April 2022





# Why does the resurrection of Jesus really matter?

The resurrection really matters, because...

Jesus' resurrection demonstrates that Jesus is indeed the divine Son of God

By his resurrection, Jesus was declared with power to be the Son of God (Romans 1:4).

### Jesus' resurrection proves that Jesus' death was indeed a sacrifice able to atone for our sins and reconcile us to God

Unless Jesus' identity as the unique divine Son of God was confirmed by his resurrection, his death would have been of no more significance or saving power than any other human death.

### Jesus' resurrection means that Jesus is at the right hand of the Father, interceding for those who belong to him

Romans 8 reminds us that Jesus who died and was raised to life is at the right hand of God, interceding for us. Because of the resurrection, we have an advocate at the highest possible level, within the being of the infinite Triune God.

### Jesus' resurrection demonstrates God's power over death, and that Jesus has opened up for believers a path to eternal life with God

Prior to his death and resurrection, Jesus had declared: "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever lives in me will live, even though he die". Unless Jesus rose from the dead, that promise would have been false and empty.

#### Jesus' resurrection led to the birth of the worldwide church

On the day of Pentecost proclaimed "God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it", and 3000 people were baptized and joined the infant church. But if Jesus had not risen from the dead, there would be no Christian church, and we would never have even heard of Jesus.

Jesus' resurrection means that Jesus is forever living Lord of the church We serve a living Lord, and we are led and sustained by a living Lord.

### Jesus' resurrection gives us confidence that one day he will return, to defeat all evil, end all suffering, and make all things new.

Without Jesus' resurrection, we would see no end to the relentless human cycle of evil, suffering, and death. But because Christ is risen, we look forward in confidence and expectation, to when Jesus fully establishes the awesome reign of God.

## How a Cancer Diagnosis Makes Jesus' Death and Resurrection Mean More

April 10, 2022



Click here to read it on the New York Times website



Auckland Church Leaders and Rhema Media

### A short devotional talk from 'The Daily', a pre-Easter video series

William HC is the English Pastor at Pakuranga Chinese Baptist Church and he shares from Matthew 26:41 about not walking into temptation













You may have heard that there are many Muslims finding Jesus all over the world. But you may not have heard that significant efforts are being made to share the love of Isa- al-Masih (Jesus the Messiah) with Muslims right here in Aotearoa NZ. This movement is called the Friends of Friends Fellowship (FFF).

FFF believes in friendship-based outreach and discipleship, intentionally coming alongside our Muslim neighbours, sharing about our friend Jesus and his vision of the kingdom of God, and sharing life with them.

Hear about how the FFF Wellington team share life and faith with Muslims, especially during the time of Ramadan, the Muslim month of prayer and fasting.

More Muslims encounter Jesus through dreams and visions during Ramadan than at any other time of year, perhaps influenced by the organised prayer of Christians through the <u>30 Days of Prayer</u> initiative.

NOTE: We will not be releasing a video of this meeting. If you want to hear the message and stories, you must join us at 8pm on Monday 18 April on Zoom.

Join Pray As One NZ on Zoom 8-9pm Monday

Would you like to have your organisation featured in our newsletter, post employment opportunities on our job board, or list events on our calendar?

You can! These are benefits we make available to NZCN member churches and Christian organisations.

<u>Click here to learn more about memberships</u>

### **NZCN featured member**

Listed on our **Directory** by our Church and Christian Organisation members



### Christianity in 6 words: Love God! Love People! Make disciples!

Our vision is to see the Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and beyond empowered and equipped to help people come to know Christ and His transforming love that heals people and society, and all of God's creation.

Visit the website

Listing on NZCN

### **Employment Opportunities**

Listed on our **Job Board** by our Church and Christian Organisation members



**Laidlaw College** 

Counselling Lecturer full-time / part-time

full-time / part-time Henderson, Auckland

**Christian Community Churches of New Zealand** 





**Executive Assistant** - 32 hrs/wk

Palmerston North



#### Palmerston North Central Baptist Church

Children and Families Pastor - part-time

Palmerston North



#### Rānui Baptist Community Care

<u>**Housing Navigator**</u> - full-time

West Auckland



#### **Baptist Churches of New Zealand**

Office Administrator - 32 hrs/wk

Penrose, Auckland

Comms Advisor - 20-40 hrs/wk

Penrose, Auckland



#### **Tertiary Students Christian Fellowship**

**Finance assistant** - part-time

Wellington

**Staff Workers** - full-time / part-time

Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin, and across the nation

Communications Manager - full-time / part-time

Wellington preferred, other locations considered

Office Administrator - part-time

Wellington



#### **MiCamp**

<u>Camp Grounds/Maintenance</u> - full-time

MiCamp Taupo

<u>Lead Activity Instructor/camp worker</u> - full-time

MiCamp Taupo

**Grounds/Maintenance & Instructor** - full-time

MiCamp Whakamaru

Camp Chef/Cook - full-time

Taupo



#### **Christians against Poverty New Zealand**

<u>Budget Solutions Advisor</u> - full-time Penrose, Auckland

### **Events**

Listed on our **Event Calendar** by our Church and Christian Organisation members



MiCamp kids camps are a highlight for so many children during their school holidays. During a week of holiday camp the kids get to partake in interactive chapel times, fun all-in wide games, exciting activities and eat the most delicious food.

Sayam Phillips

Mā te Atua koutou e tiaki e manaaki i ngā wa katoa,

May the Lord bless and keep you at all times,

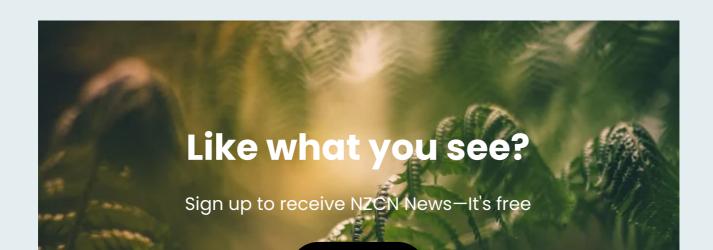
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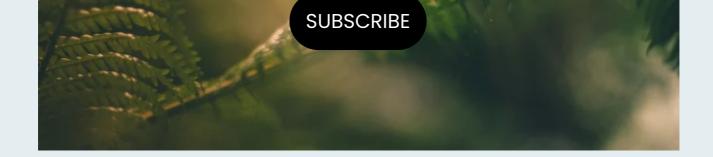
National Director

Gayann Phillips

General Manager

and the NZCN team







### Help spread the news...

New Zealand society is in a period of significant change, much of it away from the Christian faith and values. Christian voices in society are either ignored or scorned.

We need Christian voices which are positive, sensible, reasoned, well-informed, and clear.

Forward to a friend



#### **NZ Christian Network**

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