

"He Is Risen – Because He Is Supreme"

Text: Hebrews 1:1–4 (AMP)

"God, having spoken to the fathers long ago in the voices and writings of the prophets in many separate revelations... in these last days has spoken [with finality] to us in the person of One who is by His character and nature His Son..." (vv.1–2, AMP)

1. Jesus is God's Final Word

(vv. 1–2)

- Before Easter was an event, Jesus was the message.
- God once spoke through prophets, now He has spoken *by His Son*.
- Easter isn't just the end of death, it's the loudest declaration of life.
- Jesus didn't just bring the Word, He **is** the Word.

Reflection:

Easter proves that God's message to the world is not judgment, but redemption. The resurrection is the "Amen" to the "It is finished."

2. Jesus is the Radiance and Exact Representation of God

(v. 3)

- Not a shadow, not a metaphor, Jesus is the **radiance** of God's glory.
- He reveals the Father's heart fully. If you've seen Jesus, you've seen God.
- The cross wasn't a detour, it was the full expression of who God is: love, justice, mercy, holiness.

Reflection:

The resurrection confirms this identity. A dead messiah could still be a teacher. But a **risen** one validates His divinity.

3. He Made Purification for Sins

(v. 3)

- This is the centerpiece of Easter: Jesus didn't just die, He **cleansed** us.

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- His blood doesn't just cover sin, it *purifies*.
- The empty tomb is proof that the payment was accepted.

Reflection:

The resurrection isn't just the escape from death, it's the **receipt** that your debt is gone.

4. He Sat Down at the Right Hand of Majesty

(v. 3)

- "Sat down" implies **finished work**.
- No more striving, no more sacrifices.
- He is not pacing Heaven wondering what comes next, He is seated in authority.

Reflection:

Striving is when we work for acceptance. Rest is when we work from acceptance.

Jesus' resurrection and enthronement mean we don't have to prove our worth, we live from His.

Performance tries to earn approval. Authority flows from identity.

The resurrection says, *You're not working to become something, you're working because you already are something: a child of God, seated with Christ (Ephesians 2:6).*

Easter doesn't just show us a risen Savior, it shows us an **enthroned King**.

5. He Is Exalted Above All

(v. 4)

- Greater than angels, greater than death, greater than sin.
- Resurrection was not just reversal, it was **elevation**.
- Easter is the coronation of the King of Kings.

Reflection:

We don't just worship a Jesus who came *out* of the grave. We worship a Jesus who went **up** to the throne.

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Closing Thought:

Hebrews 1 reminds us *who* Jesus is so we can understand *why* the resurrection changes everything.

He is not merely a prophet returned to life, He is the *Creator, Sustainer, Redeemer*, and now *Ruler*.

Easter is not just about the empty tomb, it's about the occupied throne.