

THE GREATEST  
COMEBACK

IN HISTORY ??????



**There is something about the human spirit that loves to see people come through when there seems to be no way!**

## **The Death of Jesus**

**John 19:28-37** Jesus knew that his mission was now finished, and to fulfill Scripture he said, "I am thirsty." 29 A jar of sour wine was sitting there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put it on a hyssop branch, and held it up to his lips. 30 When Jesus had tasted it, he said, "It is finished!" Then he bowed his head and released his spirit. 31 It was the day of preparation, and the Jewish leaders didn't want the bodies hanging there the next day, which was the Sabbath (and a very special Sabbath, because it was the Passover). So they asked Pilate to hasten their deaths by ordering that their legs be broken. Then their bodies could be taken down. 32 So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the two men crucified with Jesus.

THE GREATEST  
**COMEBACK**  
IN HISTORY

33 But when they came to Jesus, they saw that he was already dead, so they didn't break his legs. 34 One of the soldiers, however, pierced his side with a spear, and immediately blood and water flowed out.

35 (This report is from an eyewitness giving an accurate account. He speaks the truth so that you also can believe.)

36 These things happened in fulfillment of the Scriptures that say, "Not one of his bones will be broken,"

37 and "They will look on the one they pierced."

The Burial – John 19:38-42

**The Grave** – The seal, the finality, there gone, they're not coming back!

**If you know what it feels like to be broken, ashamed, hopeless, and lost, or even that your life is possibly over, then the account of Easter is one for you.**

THE GREATEST  
**COMEBACK**  
IN HISTORY

THE GREATEST  
**COMEBACK**  
IN HISTORY


Chapter 19 of the book of John is not the last chapter. In fact, you must read on to find that the story continues for two more chapters.

**The Holy Comeback???** Things are not always what we expect!

**John 20:1-2; 11-18**

**What about Luke's account? Luke 24:1-32**

25 Then Jesus said to them, "You foolish people! You find it so hard to believe all that the prophets wrote in the Scriptures. 26 Wasn't it clearly predicted that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering his glory?" 27 Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

A decorative graphic at the bottom of the slide shows three wooden crosses standing on a small hill against a warm, reddish-orange background.



THE GREATEST  
**COMEBACK**  
IN HISTORY

Some of His closest followers, dejected and defeated, even exclaimed, “We were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel” (Luke 24:21).

How many of us have experienced the pain of loss, hopes dashed. It is over!!

## **I DID TELL YOU!**

*No sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. Matthew 12:39-40*

Standing at the grave of Lazarus, Jesus proclaimed, *I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live... Do you believe this? — John 11:25-26*



**He is in every book  
of your Bible.**

From the fall of Adam and Eve, it was God's plan that Jesus would be born, live a sinless life, die for our sins, and be raised to life, conquering death, so we can be raised with Him!!!

THE GREATEST  
**COMEBACK**  
IN HISTORY

A landscape with a purple and pink sky and a cross on a hill. The text is overlaid on the image.

# HE IS OUR LIVING HOPE

The truth is that our hope is not just found in the fact that Jesus died on the cross for us. Our hope is found in the fact that he was raised from the dead for us. He is alive and well, and He is working in us right now

**1 Peter 1:3-5** What a God we have! And how fortunate we are to have him, this Father of our Master Jesus! Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, 4 including a future in heaven — and the future starts now!  
5 God is keeping careful watch over us and the future.  
The Day is coming when you'll have it all — life healed and whole. MSG

