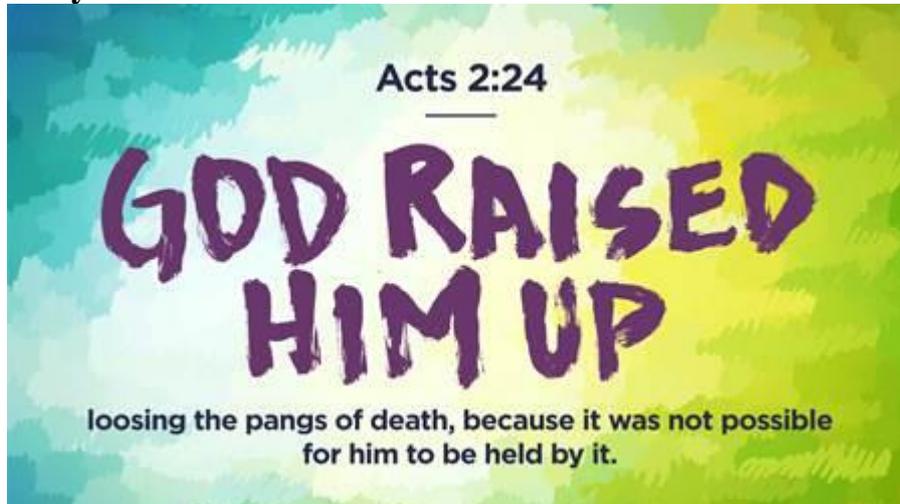


Dear Ipswich City Church Family,

Just the daily reflection today. I hope you are enjoying the Easter Season. Believe it or not there is another 48 days or so to go, or maybe much much more. (See below.)

### Daily Reflection



### Easter is the thing!

*“But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.” (Acts 2:24, NRSV)*

For some reason we tend to make more of Lent than we do of Easter. That’s one area where the shops get it half right. Easter is the big celebration. If we are going to mark it with chocolate eggs, rabbits and bilbies then they should be on sale for weeks. Of course they should be on sale from Easter Sunday for 50 days until Pentecost, not the other way around.

Jesus’ mortal life, his birth as one of us, his sharing life with all from fishermen, to pharisees, to the poor and outcast, his healings, his miracles, his teaching, and above all his death have reconciled us to God. In himself he has made God one of us from birth to death and he has made us one with God.

AND not only did he live that life and die that death long ago, he has been raised!! As one of us he shares new and eternal life with us. Since Good Friday and Easter Sunday from a human point of view at least, God has changed. Forever God the Son is now a human being like us. Part of the reality of God is the humanity of Jesus. This is something to be made much more of than Lent. As Romans 5:10 puts it *“For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.” (Romans NRSV)*

*God, we are so grateful that Jesus came among us and died for us that we might be forgiven. We are even more grateful for the power, the love, and the living relationship we have now and forever because you raised him to new life. In his glorious Name we pray. Amen & Praise God!*

Yours in Jesus

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