

God's Power is Infinitely Greater than COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has revealed just how fragile our world is. Suddenly our TV screens and email inboxes are filled with terrible daily reports of disease and death. People are living in fear. We can't visit our family and friends. If even our Prime Minister, with all his power and security, can fall seriously ill with this disease, can the rest of us 'ordinary' people really feel safe?

Jesus certainly knew what it was like to live in terrifying conditions. His whole life was full of pain and suffering. Although He was God's Son, this didn't mean that he was immune from fear or even death. Before He was crucified, Jesus' fear was so intense that His sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood. When Jesus died on the cross, God was showing us that He shares our grief and comes right alongside us when we're suffering. And He stays with us not only to the point of death, but even beyond death into eternal life.

Although God's presence in the world is often hidden, we can be assured that He is always there, especially with people who are suffering as a result of this crisis. He is there with the sick patient on the hospital ward and with the medical staff who are caring for them. He is there with the lonely elderly resident of a care home who has had to go into isolation, cut off from friends and family. And He is there with the friend or neighbour who is feeling lonely, anxious and depressed.

The message of Jesus' death and resurrection reminds us that God's power is infinitely greater than COVID-19. His grace is more powerful than any disease. Easter is a time to celebrate God's victory over all disease and death. Through the gift of His Son Jesus, God gives us the comfort of His grace and the assurance of eternal life with Christ.

As you celebrate Easter and give thanks to God for the final victory of life over death, may God bless you and keep you safe and well.

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