

DEATH AND RESURRECTION

All around—death! In our lifetimes we have seen some massive images of death and destruction. Planes into skyscrapers, whole towns chased away with swords and guns, the devastation of hurricanes and tsunamis, the explosions of suicide bombers in crowded gatherings of people all come to mind. What will the news be today? How will it impact us this time?

As we remember Easter we are confronted with death. It is that macabre scene of broken, bloody naked men on crosses before an angry, sarcastic crowd. We are crushed to realize we are part of that crowd, seeking death!

At the same time, we are part of the small group off to the side, women and disciples, who are grieving, and saddened and pouring out our hearts—how can such things be?



Aafiya (not her real name) cringed at the brutal murder unfolding before her eyes. Tears of sympathy escaped as she watched the stranger on television breathe his last. Instantly, Aafiya felt a hand on her shoulder. Not just a light tap, but a calming pressure. Too scared to turn around, Aafiya sensed the presence of Jesus—the man on TV. Somehow this Son of God no longer felt like a stranger.

Aafiya was watching the JESUS film in her heart language, Farsi, via Mohabat TV (Agape TV, a satellite station that regularly broadcasts the JESUS film, Magdalena and Rivka films into North Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and the Arabian Peninsula). One of the workers there recalled Aafiya's comment to a call-in counselor after watching the JESUS film and inviting Christ to be her personal Savior: "Why can't people see that Jesus died for all of us? I've got to go tell."



Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live."

been! How about with you? To whom are you telling the greatest news the world has ever known? Has the peace and the joy of this glorious good news captured your heart so that you can't help but tell it? Join us in spreading the joy this Easter!

*With our love and joy in Jesus,
Steve, Rochelle, and family*

Joyous Easter - He is risen!

John pictures Jesus standing like that, speaking to the grieving sister of the dead man, Lazarus, "Your brother will rise again." Does she believe him? "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live." Jesus is Lord over death and life. His resurrection is our hope for a life greater than this one we now live!

