

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

April 20, 2025

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He is _____

He is the _____ (the 'Anointed One')

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Concluding Thoughts

1. The death of Christ means that we can have our sins forgiven and can be declared _____.

2 Cor. 5:20-21—²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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