

# Set Free Prison Ministries *Since 1971*

*Rehabilitation by Regeneration*

If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. (John 8:36)



**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead... 1Peter 1:3**

Dear Friends,

I would like to wish you a very blessed Resurrection Sunday! Thank you so much for your on-going prayers, loving generosity, and partnership with Set Free. We continue to further the greatest message in the universe—the good news of the Gospel.

The days from Palm Sunday to Resurrection Sunday represent one week that forever changed the world. What a roller coaster of ups and downs, twists and turns, mood swings, rejection, betrayal, suffering, death, and resurrection! Passion Week is the most significant week of all history. Those seven days continue to have far-reaching implications that affect the eternal destiny of all.

There are several major historical events on our calendars that are SUPERNATURAL.

Interestingly they all center around the person of Jesus Christ. The first event took place at Christmas, the occasion of Jesus' SUPERNATURAL virgin birth. He existed from all eternity. At birth, a Heaven-Sent Savior became flesh in Mary's womb. He was both fully God and fully Man, but without a sin nature. Our loving God sent His only Son into the world as a Savior, not a judge (Isaiah 7:14; 9:6; Matthew 1:23; John 3:16-18).

He lived a SUPERNATURAL sinless life. He lived in obscurity the first 30 years of His life, most of them in the disreputable village of Nazareth. At age 30, Jesus Christ began His three years of public ministry. Upon seeing Him, John the Baptist, the last Old Testament prophet testified: "Behold the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world."

## *2022 Impact Report*

- Our student body consists of about 4,500 English- and Spanish-speaking inmates, to whom we provide many thousands of Bible courses. Plus, we average over 800 new requests for Bible study courses every month.
- We provide Bible courses to prison ministries we network with throughout the U.S. and Canada.
- We are honored to have an ongoing partnership with Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Illinois. We mailed 54,000 copies of "Today in the Word", an excellent and powerful daily devotional.



## 2022 Impact Report

Jesus lived a SUPERNATURAL sinless life. Twenty centuries later, He is still recognized as the greatest teacher who ever lived, the perfect moral example after which to pattern our lives, and the greatest miracle worker of all time. He healed the sick, the crippled and paralyzed. He gave sight to the blind and raised the dead to life. He claimed to be God and proved it by His mighty works.

He claimed to be the pre-existent, the eternal Son of God and the promised Savior-Messiah whom the Old Testament prophets had prophesied. He also claimed that He alone had power to forgive sins, and only through Him could one enter Heaven. He exposed the corruption and hypocrisy of the Jewish religious leaders. They were jealous of Him and threatened by His huge following. They rejected His claims and considered Him a blasphemer. So, they plotted to kill Him and, humanly speaking, orchestrated His death.

Jesus's death on Good Friday was SUPERNATURAL. Worldwide, multitudes of millions of people attend special services, reflecting on Christ suffering and death. The greatest suffering, pain, and anguish that any one has ever experienced, or ever will, took place on Good Friday. No words or finite thoughts will ever begin to scratch the surface of the depths of suffering that Christ endured, culminating in three hours of hell and separation that He experienced. When the sinless Son of God cried out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken Me," He was paying for every sin, past, present, or future, ever committed. Those sins were all placed on Him as He drank the bitter cup of God's holy wrath as man's sinless substitute.

And when He declared, "It is finished," our debt was paid in full. On the cross, dying and shedding His blood as the Passover Lamb of God, He ushered in the New Covenant.

Salvation is totally in Him, not conferred by any religious system or earned by any dead human works!

Resurrection Sunday is also SUPERNATURAL. Worldwide, shopping centers and businesses are often closed, multiple church services are held as we joyfully celebrate Christ's physical bodily resurrection from the dead. It is an irrefutable historical fact which has been continuously celebrated for 20 centuries!

For 40 days prior to His return to Heaven, He proved Himself physically alive through many multiple appearances. First to the women at the tomb, and the apostles in the upper room, including doubting Thomas who said, "My Lord and my God!" Then to his earthly family, and over 500 on one occasion (1 Corinthians 15:1-58). Those appearances transformed the lives of the apostles and the world forever. Fully convinced that He was alive reignited the apostles' faith. They were different men in the Book of Acts than what they were in the Gospels. They fearlessly and powerfully shared the gospel and the glorious message: HE IS RISEN!!



- We provide Bible courses, enrollment cards, and pamphlets to official staff Chaplains for distribution to inmates and additionally, to Christian residential rehabilitation centers.
- Inmates received 6,000 blank Christmas cards to write to family and friends.
- The Christmas Card Outreach Program coordinated over 200 volunteers who wrote 3,510 personalized Christmas cards to encourage inmates. The responses continue coming in and inmates express overwhelming gratitude for this outreach.
- Over 40,000 Mosaics Cards with Bible's passages were sent to inmates. The cards motivate our students to invite other inmates to enroll in Set Free's Bible study.
- During 2022, **1,637 inmates** made profession of faith while completing their Bible courses. To God be all the glory!

January through March 2023

**449** INMATES MADE  
PROFESSIONS OF FAITH.

Jesus's ascension was SUPERNATURAL. Prior to His return to Heaven, He gave the "Great Commission." His disciples were to be witnesses, beginning in Jerusalem, and proclaim to all nations that repentance and remission of sins are found in His name.

The Great Commission is still in effect, and applicable to all believers. That is where we are today. How wonderful to think of the one who brought us the message of salvation and how to be saved, and in turn, take that message and pass it on to others.



## Letters from Inmates

Thank you very much for the Christmas card I received in the package. I appreciate very much the time and effort you have given to a stranger in jail, half-way across the country.

I covet your prayers and very much appreciate them. I was raised in church, raised in faith, and accepted Jesus at a very young age. I had fallen away from my faith and let the world distract me. Then, as a result, my guilt and shame about the sinful lifestyle I had been living kept me from turning back to God. I have begun reading the Bible again while here and I am so glad I found this Bible study. It has helped me much more than just reading the Bible front to back. It has brought God's Word back to life, in my life.

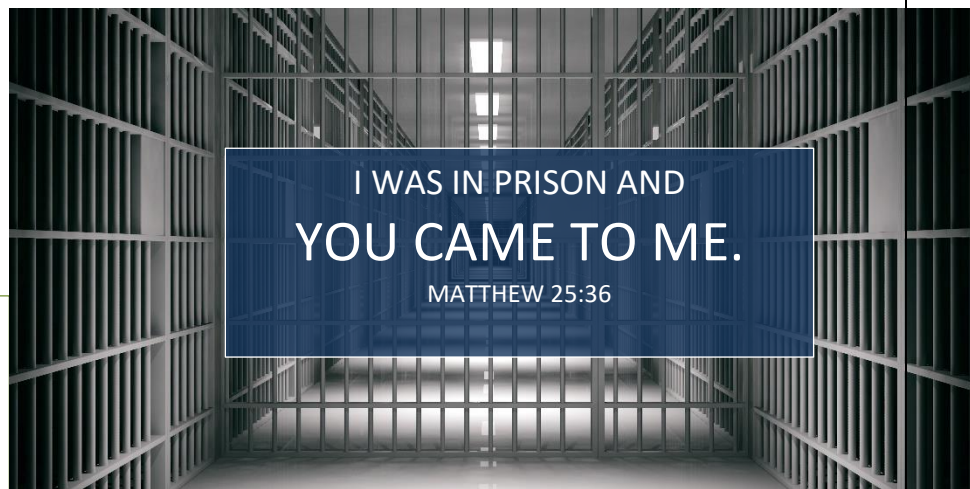
I will be praying for you and the others who look over these Bible courses as well now, and just wanted to say "Thank you very much!" God bless you for the time and effort you give to this ministry. It matters! [Johnathan / Duncan, OK](#)

Jesus Christ in His dying moments imparted forgiveness and eternal life to a repentant criminal (the very first convert to Christianity this side of Calvary!) The seed that remains by itself bears no fruit. "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain" (John 12:24). The Jesus Who died is risen indeed! His death is producing a crop that is truly ripe unto the harvest.

Thank you for being part of the Set Free team that continues the greatest work ever committed to mankind. We at Set Free would like to express our deepest gratitude to you who partner with us in the Great Commission. Thank you for being a wonderful blessing!

Because He lives,

Phil Wagner



I WAS IN PRISON AND  
YOU CAME TO ME.

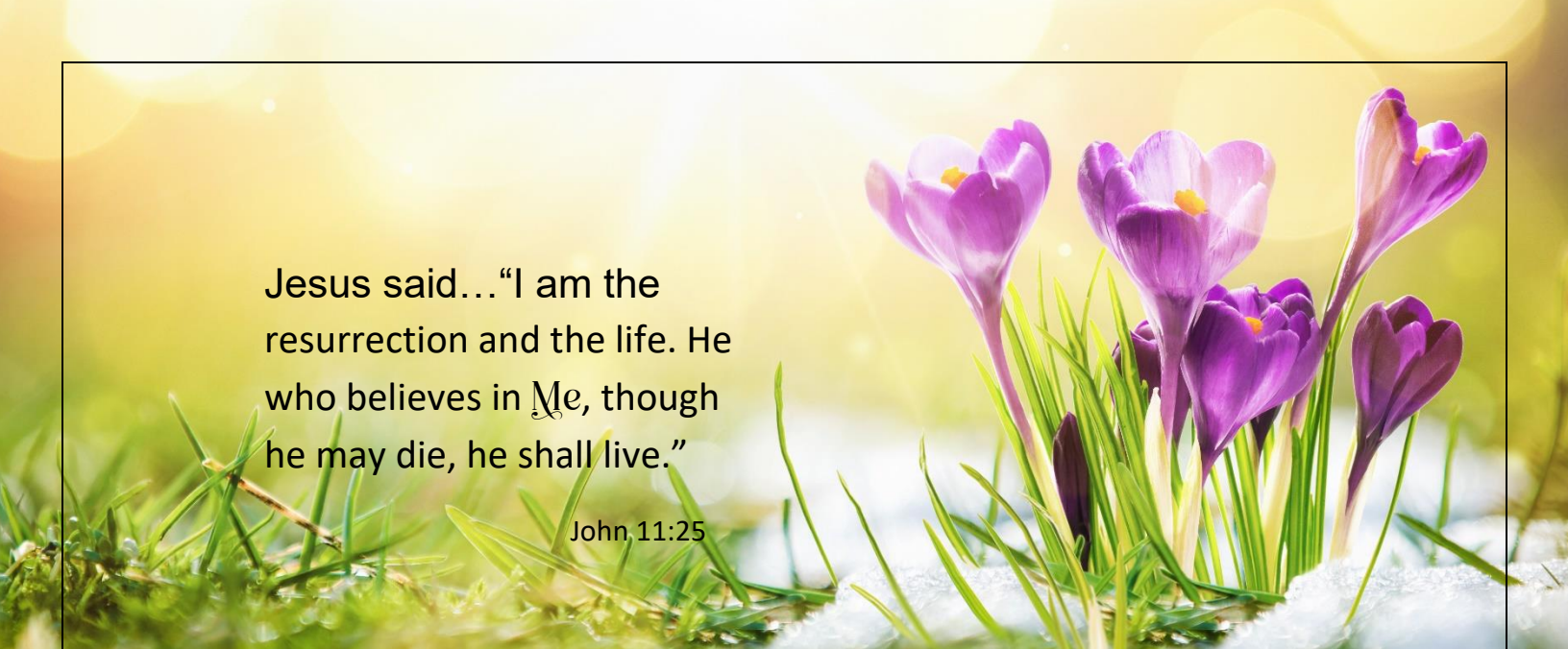
MATTHEW 25:36

Hello! I just want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the Christmas card you sent me. It made my day!! I'm always grateful that God lays it on people's hearts to pray for me. You're right, this time of year is hard on me, but I have our Heavenly Father with me 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, no matter what. I enjoy doing these Bible studies! As you pray for me, please pray for my family that's out there. Again, thank you for the card. God bless you! [Kathy / Duncan, OK](#)

I would like to thank Set Free Ministries and the workers for providing me with this opportunity to study God's Word and learn these truths. Thank you for your hard work. [Richard / San Luis Obispo, CA](#)

Thank you for allowing me to study God's Word with you. I'm still growing in my faith in Jesus, and this helped me a lot. Not just that but it gives me several days of being in God's Word and for that I'm very thankful. I pray God will continue to bless you all and that He will continue to use you to reach people and bring as many as possible to know Jesus Christ. Amen.  
[Tony / Meridian, MS](#)





Jesus said...“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.”

John, 11:25

To my mentors with Set Free Ministries, God bless each of you! I can't begin to put into words what you have meant to me in my walk, in my coming back to our Lord and Savior Jesus. From the first lesson God began to bless me in a way that I can only explain as amazing. I know to God be the glory, but from a lowly sinner whom God has picked up from landing flat bottom, I need you to know you all make a difference. I look forward to every piece of material I receive. I take your studies seriously and they have helped me grow in strength and wisdom in God's Word. I look forward daily to my study time. Thank you from the deepest part of my soul. God bless this ministry. On March 22 I will be going to my sentencing in front of a Federal Judge. From there I will be moving to a federal Prison for however long they give me. My concern is I want to continue my studies with this ministry. I will have your address and surely write with my new address. Thank you in His love. [George / Texarkana, AR](#)

I want to thank your ministry" for providing literature to my brother. He is currently in Miller County Detention Center, Texarkana AR. He has received several Bible studies from you, and they have helped him gain knowledge and have a relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. He is a different person than when he went in. I see and listen to him, and he has grown, smiles from within, has a fire to lead others to the Lord as well as his children and family. He is just an all-around a different person with hope and a future with God in the lead. Thanks Again. [Rita / AR](#)

I love these lessons. They keep me studying God's word and meditating on it. Along with instructor replies and comments, having a brother or sister in Christ encouraging others out of love and unity. I thank God for this opportunity, and you guys as well. Thank you for the prayers. Grace and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ. [Mark / Mineral Point, MO](#)

I hope that this letter reaches you all in good health. I am an incarcerated inmate at Ironwood State Prison in Blythe, California, sentenced to a life term. A few months ago, I completed all Set Free Bible study courses. They were recommended to me by a Christian inmate a year ago. I have come closer to God through your Bible study courses and through your love and encouragement. I have spent four years behind bars already and who knows how long I will still be in prison. I missed four Christmas seasons from my family. It seems as though my own family has forgotten about me. I did not even get any Christmas cards or letters from my family. But I have received your Christmas cards with words of encouragement every Christmas season. You are like a family to me, and I thank you for remembering those in prison as if you were there yourselves. You are truly a shining light to us prisoners and a blessing from God. You are truly a "Set Free" Ministry. God bless you. [Frank / Blythe, CA](#)

*We thank you...*

*for your prayers and partnership  
in the furtherance of the Gospel.*