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Historians relate that at the battle of Hastings in 1066 there was a nervous moment when it seemed that the Norman host was about to fail. For long hours they had striven without success to storm Harold's stockades and they were beginning to lose heart. Just then a rumour spread among them which almost led to panic. It was reported that their intrepid leader, William, had been killed. As soon as William himself heard of it, he stuck his spurs into his horse's sides, stood up in the stirrups, and holding his helmet in his hand, rode furiously up and down the ranks, shouting: "I am alive! I am alive! I am alive!"

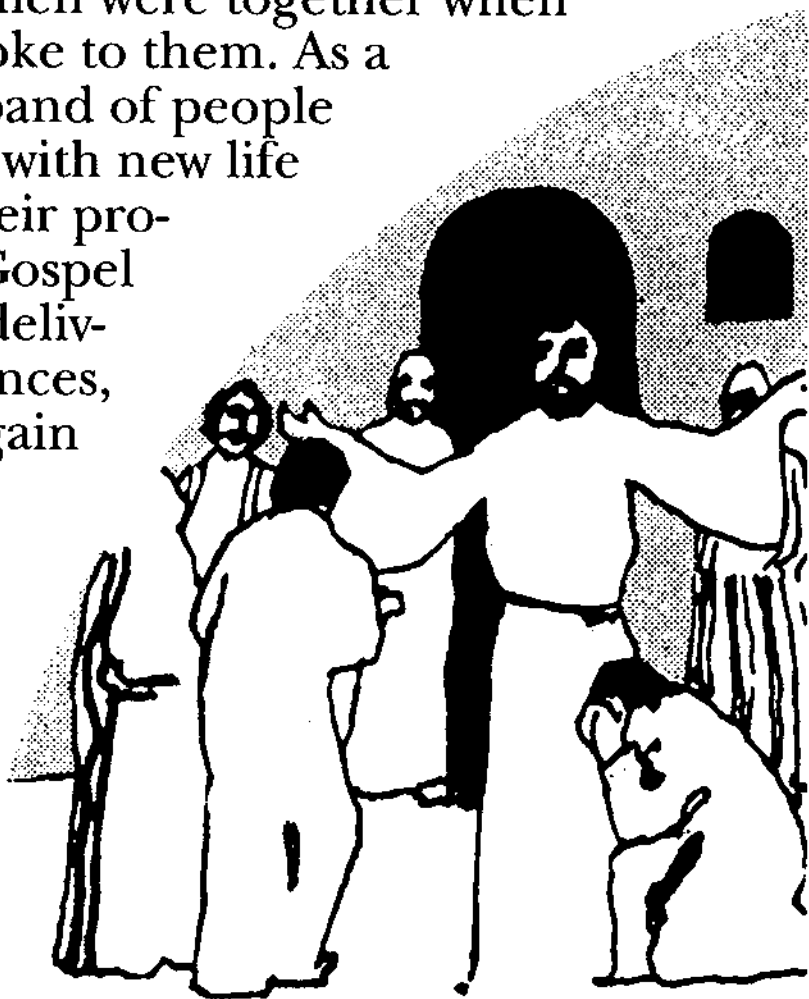
What a graphic picture this is of an infinitely greater conqueror on the first Easter Day! The Cross was no private event. The report of Christ's death gained the widest publicity, for nearly everybody in Jerusalem was aware that Jesus had been executed, and then, sometime later, a report that He had risen from the dead was running through the city like wildfire. The Lord had, as it

were, flung back from His face the mask of death and was shouting. "I am alive! I am alive! I am alive."

"He showed Himself alive." (1) the author of Acts records, adding, as he does so, that these self-revelations of the risen Lord constitute "infallible proofs." And nothing short of that would have convinced Christ's first followers, disbelieving and unexpected as they were.

Yes! Jesus appeared and spoke with them and even ate with them. On one occasion as many as five hundred men were together when He came and spoke to them. As a result the small band of people became charged with new life and power. In their proclaiming of the Gospel that Christ was "delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification," (2) they "turned the world upside-down." (3)

He is alive today as millions will testify, and you can



know Him and this wonderful newness of life and power, "If you shall confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord and shall believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved." (4)

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- (1) Acts 1:3 (2) Romans 4:25 (3) Acts 17:6
(4) Romans 10:9

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