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For many years the greeting I use all day on Easter Sunday to everyone I come in contact with is, "He is risen! He is risen indeed!" I say it with joy, because the resurrection was real, is real. When the disciples learned that Jesus had indeed risen, their sadness was taken away and they were filled with joy, as it did validate who Jesus said He was.

Recently I wanted to record a CD of hymns and spiritual songs. So along with many familiar ones such as "The Old Rugged Cross," I wanted a new song about the resurrection. I contacted a great songwriter—Gerald Crabb—and told him what I wanted. When I received his song, "Living In Me," I loved it! It said to me, as Colossians 1:27 reads, that the resurrected life of Jesus lives in us when we know Him as Lord and Savior and Satan is unable to prevail in our lives. As John 4:4 assures that—"Greater is He who lives in us than he who is in the world." This song has brought a fresh, greater revelation to my everyday thinking: as I prepare to minister, I focus on Christ in me, and that He wants to flow through me to give that same revelation to others. Each day I am amazed and thankful that the creator of the universe, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, is actually living in Lillie—living in *us*!

Jesus did conquer death through His own resurrection. This is expressed beautifully in two of my favorite Easter songs, "Christ Arose" (I get so excited when I sing that majestic chorus, "Up from the grave He arose...") and of course, Bill and Gloria's beautifully inspired "Because He Lives."