

“VICTORY!”

Matthew 28:1-10

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After creation, the world and its people experienced the greatest defeat.

- Everything went quickly from idyllic to broken (Genesis 3).
- Yet the world wouldn't experience lasting victory until the fullness of time (Galatians 4).

God's people endured a painfully long wait.

- God's people kept falling short of being the answer (Genesis 12).
- Even the Exodus from Egypt resulted in humankind's continued failure (Numbers 14:1-4).
- Failure after failure, God promised something new (Jeremiah 31:31).

Through Jesus, we have victory greater than we can imagine!

- Creation itself was longing for better (Romans 8:22).
- Jesus defeated death! (Matthew 28:5-7)
- Jesus' victory over death is incalculably greater than humankind's defeat (Romans 5:17).

But sometimes victory feels incomplete! (Romans 8:24-25)