

*Had you ever thought of Jesus' Resurrection like this?*



## *Happy Birthday...Jesus?*

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A couple years ago at a homeschool co-op, we had a **Resurrection** party. After a glorious time together in **worship**, the kids did art and played games. One of the moms had made a **cake**, so the morning concluded with snacks and **sweets**.

As usual, the kids were full of energy, **anticipating the taste of yummy cake**. The delicacy was festively decorated to **celebrate Jesus**, with **colorful** sprinkles outside and 'confetti' inside.

In the midst of the excitement,  
a six year old raised his hand and offered to **pray**.

He bowed his head  
and ever-so-sweetly thanked Jesus

for dying on the cross and  
for rising from the dead to save us.  
It was precious.

As the **cake** was about to be cut, the same boy blurted out,  
"Hey, let's sing happy birthday to Jesus!"

We moms looked endearingly at each other and shrugged, smiling in wholehearted agreement. Why not? Even though it wasn't Christmas, it was too cute to pass up.

As we sang "Happy Birthday to Jesus,"  
I looked around the room, warmed by the  
joyful faces and  
gleeful chorus.

Suddenly, it hit me:

**Resurrection weekend *is* His birthday!**

Jesus was **born a child** on Christmas Day,  
died on Good Friday, and ...  
was '**born again**' on Resurrection morning.

While the theology goes even deeper, in a child-like sense, the Lord once again filled me with **awe and wonder** at His resurrection, shining His light on an entirely new angle of the **miracle** only He could perform.

## CHALLENGE

Jesus was **physically born** from an earthly mother (Christmas). Then after dying on the cross, He was "**born again**" as it were, by the Holy Spirit (**Resurrection**).

In the same way, as documented in the Bible, Jesus explained to a man named Nicodemus that we, too, are to be born twice: **Born of flesh, then born of the Spirit.**

**"Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3**

I guess if it's Jesus' birthday, it only makes sense to **give Him a gift.**

How about the areas of your **heart** that are still being 'self-protected'?

***How about your life?***

In the midst of the current 'wars and rumors of wars' in our country and our world today, I pray you see that everything God prophesied in the Bible is coming true.

Today is the day of salvation. (2 Corinthians 6:1-2)

Have a marvelous **Resurrection week, my friends.**  
**And ... Happy Birthday, Jesus.**

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