



By President Thomas S. Monson

The BEAUTIFUL Day

Some years ago, I met a remarkable family. Each member of the family had an unshakable testimony of the reality of the **Resurrection**. Each of the children had been born with a rare form of muscular dystrophy. The only daughter, Shanna, was then five years old. All of the children were intelligent and faith-filled.

We visited for a while, and the special spirit of that family filled my office and my heart. Then the parents asked if little Shanna could sing for me. She sang of a brighter **future**:

*On a beautiful day that I
dream about
In a world I would love to see,*

*Is a beautiful place where the sun comes out
And it shines in the sky for me.*

*On this beautiful winter's morning,
If my wish could come true somehow,
Then the beautiful day that I dream about
Would be here and now.¹*

Eventually, Shanna passed away at age 14. At the funeral services, I spoke of the lovely song Shanna sang. I concluded with the thought: "Because our Savior died on Calvary, death has no hold upon any one of us. Shanna lives, whole and **well**, and for her that beautiful day she sang about is here and now."

Death is an **essential** part of our mortal experience. And dead we would remain except for Jesus. He died on the cross. His body was placed by loving hands in a sepulchre.

NOTES

1. "The Beautiful Day," from the movie *Scrooge* (1970), music and lyrics by Leslie Bricusse.
2. "I Know That My Redeemer Lives," *Hymns*, no. 136.



On the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James, along with others, came to the sepulchre. To their astonishment, the body of their Lord was gone. Two men in **shining** garments stood by them and said: “Why seek ye the **living** among the

dead? He is not here, but is risen” (Luke 24:5–6).

Our Lord and Savior is the living witness that life is **everlasting**. God does live. Jesus is His Son. Because He died, all shall live again. “Oh, sweet the **joy** this sentence gives: ‘I know that my Redeemer lives!’”² ♦

Beautiful Words

Fill in each blank with an opposite word, shown in bold in President Monson’s message.

- sadness _____
 brief _____
 dead _____
 unimportant _____
 dull _____
 past _____
 sick _____
 Crucifixion _____



Easter News

Fill in the blanks with words from President Monson’s message. Then use the numbered letters in correct order to spell out the amazing news of Easter. See the answers on page 48.

Another word for the tomb where the body of Jesus was laid.

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A knowledge of something that is true.

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The feeling of great surprise that Mary and Mary had when they saw the empty tomb.

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