



The Bishop of Lincoln

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Do you like surprises? Some surprises can be more like shocks but nice surprises can make you smile. Often, they let you know you're someone's friend and that you are loved.

As we get ready for Easter, we're getting ready for one of the biggest surprises there has ever been. Jesus had been put to death and buried in the ground behind a huge rock. But on the first Easter Day and in the days that followed, his friends, such as Mary, Peter and John, kept finding him popping up where they least expected him. The big surprise was that there was so much love in Jesus that even being put to death could not keep him down. He burst out of the earth because God's love in him could not be stopped - God's big surprise.

That big surprise keeps on happening. When we go to church at Easter, we're not celebrating something that was over a long time ago. We're celebrating the surprise that Jesus is alive today. He's here to help us become his friend and show love to everyone around us, especially people who are having a hard time. If they are not expecting it, we can be their lovely surprise that shows them they have friends.

I wish you a very happy Easter. May you have a time full of love and surprise.

With every good wish,

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