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*Mary, did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?
And when you kiss your little baby, you have kissed the face of God?*

After being humbled to the point of death on the cross and burial in a borrowed tomb, Jesus is exalted by His resurrection on the third day.

Where does Jesus' "victory tour" begin? HELL

Christ was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, through whom He also went and preached to the spirits in prison.

1 Peter 3:18-19

Almighty God, by the death of Your Son Jesus Christ You destroyed death, and by His rest in the tomb You sanctified the graves of Your saints, and by His bodily resurrection You brought life and immortality to light so that all who die in Him abide in peace and hope.

Receive our thanks for the victory over death and the grave that He won for us. Keep us in everlasting communion with all who wait for Him on earth and with all in heaven who are with Him, for He is the resurrection and the life, even Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

By victoriously rising from the dead, Jesus proves that...

He is the Son of God.

Jesus was declared with power to be the Son of God by His resurrection from the dead. **Romans 1:4**

His teaching is the truth.

"When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am the one I claim to be." **John 8:28**

His Father has accepted His sacrifice for the salvation of the world.

Christ was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. **Romans 4:25**

His followers will also rise to eternal life with Him.

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"

John 11:25-26