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**Easter Message from the Supreme Grand Master**

It's that time of the year again when Christians mourn the death of Jesus but also celebrate His resurrection. His resurrection shows us that there is life after death. He has told us that our true salvation is through Him and that if we act as true Christians towards our fellow man and through him accept God's grace, that He will prepare for us a place when we leave this life.

His purpose was to sacrifice His life so that we can be assured of eternal life in the presence of our creator with Jesus as His right hand. Jesus was not only our Savior, but He was our teacher. He taught us to walk the path of righteousness, neither veering off to the left or to the right but staying resolute in our beliefs and actions according to God's divine precepts.

While He was born of mortal flesh, He was Infused with the Holy Spirit and God's grace. He suffered temptations as any human would, but He was able to overcome them. Imagine having the inner peace of asking for the forgiveness of those who tortured and murdered you, of having asked that you'd be saved but being told no and accepting that without question or resentment.

To have the inner peace to accept the pain, torment, and humiliation from those you were sent to offer salvation and not striking out at them in anger. Being able to share your grace with the one who will betray you without raising an alarm and resisting. Accepting fate, you were brought into this world to give up your life for the salvation of others. That even those who were close to you would have their doubts and even deny they knew you. Imagine being sentenced to death not for a crime you committed but for spreading God's word of peace, love, and eternal salvation. Knowing that salvation was purchased at the cost of your life and accepting that price.

I find it difficult to understand the dedication and commitment that it would take to keep on the path chosen for Jesus knowing the final outcome of that path. Yes, many people particularly Knight Templars of the past fought to protect the Christian faith and sacrificed their life for its protection. They knew that they might die in battle, but death was not a certainty as with Jesus.

This Easter season as in others, I am spiritually stirred by the teachings associated with the death and sacrifice by our Blessed Redeemer to ensure our salvation. I also hold dear the story of his resurrection and return to show himself to his followers so they may know that there is life after death and that He will be there to welcome us when it is time for us to leave

this temporal plain.

It is the final lesson of His time with us. That lesson is that with the grace of God and the Holy Spirit residing in us, we can be a guiding force to others in our community and that there is no obstacle in our life that we can't overcome with His help and guidance. I hope that all of you might find grace and strength of spirit to be that shining light within your community and show people the love and grace of accepting the teachings of our Saviour.

May you and your family be safe in your travels this Easter season, enjoying time with your friends and family while keeping in mind the lessons to be learned. May the Holy Spirit protect you and guide you in all your undertakings.

Yours in the Bonds of the Order.

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