

Christ is Risen!

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Nikolai Ivanovich Buhari was one of the most influential people on the planet. He was at one stage the leader of the Russian Communist Party, after he had participated in the Russian Revolution of 1917. Later he was the editor of the “Pravda” newspaper (which means “The Truth”). His works in politics, even though it’s communist politics, are studied even today.

There is a true story about something that happened during his life. He went from Moscow to Kiev to lead a people’s meeting on atheism. He used all the heavy artillery to attack Christianity. He brought all the scientific and philosophical proofs that he could, in order to combat Christianity. After speaking for several hours, he finished. Looking over his audience, the people seemed to be like a field that had been consumed by fire, leaving only smoke and ashes. Sure of his success, he asked a rhetorical question: “Does anyone have any questions?” You could hear a pin drop in the ensuing silence, but after a few moments a man stood up and with sure steps walked to the front. He went to the microphone, and put his calloused worker’s hands on the lectern. He looked left, looked right, took a big breath and said in a dignified manner: “Christ is risen!” Immediately the audience rose to their feet and, like the noise of great waters, the answer came: “He is risen, indeed!”

The Lord’s resurrection is an undeniable reality. It is the cornerstone of Christianity. The apostle Paul says that, without the resurrection, our faith would be in vain (1 Cor. 15). The biggest miracle that occurred at Christ’s resurrection has to do with changed lives. The disciples were changed, the women that went to the grave were changed, and since then the risen Christ continues to change lives. When Jesus changes a life, He transforms tears of mourning into tears of joy, brings hope, brings victory over sin, brings love towards others, brings all that is good and beautiful, taking away the filth.

The challenge for you, my dear reader, is: can you truly say “He is risen, indeed?” Has he transformed your heart in such a way that the change is noticeable?