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Jesus is alive!

You probably do not remember the name Nikolai Ivanovich Bukharin. During his day he was as powerful a man as there was on earth. A Russian Communist leader, he took part in the Bolshevik Revolution in 1917, was the editor of the Soviet newspaper, Pravda (which by the way means truth), and was a full member of the Politburo.

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His works on economics and political science are still read today. There is a story told about a journey he took from Moscow to Kiev in 1930 to address a huge assembly on the subject of atheism. Addressing the crowd he aimed his heavy artillery at Christianity, hurling insults, arguments and proof against it.

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An hour later he was finished. He looked out at what seemed to be the smoldering ashes of the faith of all those in the crowd.

“Are there any questions?”

Bukharin demanded. Deafening silence filled the auditorium but then one man approached the platform and mounted the lectern standing near the Communist leader. He surveyed the crowd first to the left and then to the right.

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Finally he shouted the ancient greeting known well in the Russian Orthodox Church: "CHRIST IS RISEN!" En masse the crowd arose as one person and the response came crashing like the sound of thunder: "HE IS RISEN, INDEED!"

Someone said, "The simplest meaning of Easter is that we are living in a world in which God has the last word."

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Isn't that a tremendous thought for today? When sin and evil had done their worst, God had the last word. When it looked like the greatest failure and disappointment the world had known with Jesus dead and buried God had the last word. Today, when it looks like Satan and all his wicked legions have just about triumphed, God will have the last word!

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That gives us the victory! Praise
the Lord!

May you live as Easter people,
enjoying all the love, joy, peace
and victory God has planned for
your life, and may you be
empowered by the Holy Spirit to
go and tell the good news-Jesus is
Alive!

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