## IF JESUS ROSE NOT FROM THE GRAVE



2. If Jesus rose not from the grave, we're guilty still, our sins remain: the hope is vain his people have; if Jesus rose not, hope is vain.

3. If Jesus rose not from the grave, his foes were right in all they said; for he to all assurance gave, that he would rise and leave the dead.

4. If Jesus rose not from the grave, then all he said was empty boast: his claims no good foundation have, and they who sleep in him are lost.

5. If Jesus rose not from the grave, the thief, that perished by his side, as just a claim as he would have to be the sinner's hope and guide.

6. But now is Jesus ris'n indeed; the first-fruits he of those who sleep: rejoice, ye saints, the pris'ner's freed, for who could such a pris'ner keep?

7. He fought with Death, the saints' last foe, and though he seemed to lose the day, 'twas Death sustained the overthrow, subdued by him who seemed his prey.

8. Doubt then no more, ye saints, nor grieve, the Lord is ris'n, is ris'n indeed; because he lives, his saints shall live, shall live with him, their glorious Head.

9. He sits at God's right hand above, the dread of foes, the joy of friends; supreme in pow'r, in truth, in love; his kingdom, one that never ends.

10. The glorious day is drawing near, when he who lay in yonder tomb, with crowds of angels shall appear, and take his waiting people home.

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