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**Grace Notes Radio Program**  
**PGM 02: Easter - the Song of New Life**  
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**INTRO: What does Easter mean to you? Is it a time to get out the Easter baskets, shop for clothes, and have your kids' picture taken with the Easter Bunny? Well, that may be what some people do, but the actual meaning of the 'Easter' is 'a day to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ'. Today, on Grace Notes, Barbara Sandbek will share some important information about this special day. So stay tuned, it could change your life.**

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\*\*\*\*\* **WRITE: Sandi Patty**  
**\*\* WAS IT A MORNING \*\* LENGTH: 3:16**  
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**Was It A Morning Like This**

Was it a morning like this  
When the Son still hid from Jerusalem,  
And Mary rose from her bed  
To tend the Lord She thought was dead?

What is a morning like this,  
When Mary walked down from Jerusalem,  
And two angels stood at the tomb,  
Bearers of news she would hear soon?

Did the grass sing?  
Did the earth rejoice  
To feel you again?  
Over and over like a  
Trumpet underground,  
Did the earth seem to pound:  
"He is risen?"

Over and over  
in a never ending round  
"He is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Was it a morning like this,  
When Peter and John ran from Jerusalem?  
And as they raced for the tomb,  
Beneath their feet was there a tune?

Was it a morning like this,  
When my Lord looked down  
On Jerusalem?  
He is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Spring is my favorite season - a time of new beginnings. Winter's drudgery is behind us and there are signs of life again – baby animals, birds returning, budding flowers. In fact, both of my children were born in the spring.**

**But the most important blessing of spring is Easter - God's provision of a new beginning for mankind.**

**You see, what man needs most is to be forgiven by his Creator – to be spiritually reborn.**

**Roman 3:23 says...**

**For all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God.**

**Romans 6:23 says...**

**The wages of sin is death but the GIFT of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**John 3:16 speaks of this GIFT. It says...**

**For God so loved the world that He GAVE His only Begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.**

**We've all turned our backs on God. There's nothing we could, or even would do, to merit God's love. But God commended His love to us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

**The apostle Peter is a picture of us all. He lived with Jesus for three years during His earthly ministry. He heard His profound words - he saw His miracles, yet even he denied Him. Peter needed forgiveness, but more than that, he needed proof that Christ had the power to forgive his sin. He found that proof through Christ's resurrection. Listen to his story...**

**\*\*\*\*\* WRITER: Don Francisco**

**\*\* HE'S ALIVE \*\*\* LENGTH: 4:25**

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The gates and doors were barred  
All the windows fastened down  
I spent the night in sleeplessness  
And rose at every sound

Half in hopeless sorrow  
And half in fear the day  
Would find the soldiers breakin' through  
To drag us all away

And just before the sunrise  
Heard something at the wall  
The gate began to rattle  
And a voice began to call

Hurried to the window  
Looked down into the street  
Expecting swords and torches  
And the sound of soldier's feet

There was no one there but Mary  
So I went down to let her in  
John stood there beside me  
As she told us where she'd been

She said they've moved Him in the night  
And none of us knows where  
The stones been rolled away  
And now His body isn't there

We both ran toward the garden  
Then John ran on ahead  
We found the stone and the empty tomb  
Just the way that Mary said

But the winding sheet they wrapped Him in  
Was just an empty shell  
And how or where they'd taken Him  
Was more than I could tell

Well, something strange had happened there  
Just what I did not know  
John believed a miracle  
But I just turned to go

Circumstance and speculation  
Couldn't lift me very high  
'Cause I'd seen them crucify Him  
Then I saw Him die

Back inside the house again  
The guilt and anguish came  
Everything I'd promised Him  
Just added to my shame

When at last it came to choices  
I denied I knew His name  
Even if He was alive  
It wouldn't be the same

Suddenly the air was filled  
With strange and sweet perfume  
Light that came from everywhere  
Drove shadows from the room

Jesus stood before me  
With His arms held open wide  
And I fell down on my knees  
And just clung to Him and cried

He raised me to my feet  
And as I looked into His eyes  
Love was shining out from Him  
Like sunlight from the skies

Guilt in my confusion  
Disappeared in sweet release  
And every fear I'd ever had  
Just melted into peace

He's alive, He's alive  
He's alive and I'm forgiven  
Heaven's gates are open wide

He's alive, He's alive  
He's alive and I'm forgiven  
Heaven's gates are open wide

He's alive, He's alive  
He's alive and I'm forgiven  
Heaven's gates are open wide  
He's alive, He's alive, He's alive

**The difference between Christianity and all other religions is that we serve a LIVING SAVIOR - not a dead leader.**

**Jesus said in John 11:25...**

**"I AM the resurrection and the life, he that believes in me, though he were dead yet shall he live, and whosoever lives and believes in me shall never die.**

**If Christ wasn't raised from the dead, we'd be lost in our sin..unforgiven. When we believe in Jesus, Romans 5:9-10 says...**

- . We're JUSTIFIED by Christ's BLOOD (Just as if we've never sinned)**
- . We're RECONCILED to God by Christ's DEATH**
- . We're SAVED because CHRIST ever LIVES to make intercession for us.**

**We become part of God's family. John 1:12 says...**

**But as many as received Him, to them gave He the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name.**

**We are God's gift to Jesus, for His work on Calvary!**

**I never realized how much it meant to Jesus until I read Luke 15:10.**

**It says...**

**There is rejoicing in the PRESENCE of the ANGELS of God over ONE sinner who repents.**

**Jesus didn't die for ANGELS - they can't appreciate salvation. So who's rejoicing? It's JESUS in front of the angels! And over EACH person who receives Him!**

**Won't you join His family today by asking Jesus to be your Savior? Easter will never be the same for you again. You can celebrate your resurrection to new life.**

**The angels told the glorious news on that Easter morn, but I bet Jesus was ringing the bells for sure!**

**\*\*\*\*\* WRITER: KEITH GREENE**

**\*\*\* EASTER SONG \*\*\*\*\* LENGTH: 2:24**

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