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History's Mystery

Jesus' message didn't advocate liberation or revolution.

Jesus' message was all about JESUS
He never asked his followers to trust in his ideas.
He instructed his followers to trust in him.

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Matthew 16:16 (ESV)

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

John 1:29 (ESV)

"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live..."

John 11:25

"Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father."

John 14:9

When Jesus died...

No one believed his message.
No one believed his claims.
The movement died with him.

Easter solves history's mystery

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.

John 20:1

So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple (John)... and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

John 20:2

But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.

Luke 24:11

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head... Finally the other disciple...also went inside. He saw and believed.

John 20:3-8

Jesus' followers didn't reengage because of something Jesus taught.
Jesus' followers reengaged because of something they saw: Jesus.

You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.

Acts 3:15

They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved."

Acts 16:31

The resurrection of Jesus Christ solves history's mystery.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ punctuated the point of his crucifixion: the forgiveness of sin.