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The Resurrection Matters

Matthew 28:1-10

INTRODUCTION **NOTES** There are many things that matter in life. Some of these are: Friendships. Family. Time. Memories. But more than anything else, the resurrection matters! In this message, I will share several reasons why the resurrection really matters so that together we can gain a better understanding of why Easter is such a powerful day for us to celebrate. **KEY POINTS** 1. The Resurrection Matters When You Look At The Past. - The Apostles and the early disciples - The history of Christianity - The faith of your family 2. The Resurrection Matters When You Lose Someone. When we think about the risen Savior, the resurrection matters because if you lose someone you love and care about, and you walk all the way to the grave, it is not "Goodbye." It is "See you later." The Scripture tells us that when believers die, they go to be with Christ. The Bible says to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. If that doesn't make your heart sing, you need to get a new songbook. The very hope that you will see your loved ones who have died is very powerful. And that reality is made possible because of the resurrection. 3. The Resurrection Matters When You Share Your Jesus is alive and that truth should give us a bold spirit. God wants us to have confidence that we know He is alive. For those who choose to believe in Jesus, they have become alive, too. Read what the Scripture says, "For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline" (2 *Timothy 1:7).* You need to realize that God has given you the ability to stand confidently for what is right because you are in love with the only One who is completely holy. When you share your faith, you are standing on the historical fact of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is certainly no small matter.

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4. The Resurrection Matters Now. It doesn't matter only for heaven; it matters right now. And the	NOTES
two reasons why it matters now are: He Keeps His Promises and He Keeps His Plan for the Second Coming.	
He Keeps His Promises Never leave you Will give you the right words when sharing faith. Comfort you Give you purpose, to make disciples God's Word remains unchangeable God's Church will be victorious Rewards for good works God will reward material blessings in this life for following Christ God's saints will rule and judge God will give you peace God will give you peace God will make your body immortal God will help you pray When you turn to Christ, God lifts the veil of blindness God is transforming us God will meet your needs God sends His angels to minister to you Jesus is praying for you now Jesus will help you in temptation When you resist Satan, he will flee Jesus will make all things new	
He Keeps His Plan for the Second Coming - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 5. The Resurrection Matters When You Come to Die. Beyond a shadow of a doubt, the resurrection will matter when you come to die. When you come to die, that is where the water hits the wheel. That is where the decision that you made years ago to turn from your sin and place your faith in Christ, all of the promises are now complete in Jesus. The Bible tells us that when we die and move from this life to the next, we will be with Him. That is why the resurrection matters.	

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1.	When was a time you felt hopeful in the midst of loss because of the resurrection?
2.	How does the resurrection give you the boldness to share your faith?
3.	Which of the promises of God mentioned in point #4 did you need to be reminded of today?

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