

Welcome...**First started preaching**...Christ is Risen! This day reminds us why all other days matter

The truth of the resurrection of Christ gives mission to our church and meaning to our lives

When we say “Christ is risen” not just acknowledging historical fact...**WHY ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN**

• **We’re confessing the motivation of our ambitions...and the foundation for our hope**

○ **Hope is a scary thing...nothing hurts quite like losing hope – Saddest thing, ‘I’ve lost all hope’**

We’ve all been there when the well runs dry – Job – Family – Friends – Society – Ambitions...all dry up

Empty tomb & resurrection of Christ gives us a hope that cannot be lost...proves that God’s got this

We’re here to celebrate Truth: The tomb is empty - learn and remember what it means for us | Bibles

What does the Easter statement “Christ is risen” have to do with anything? Meme – ‘Color & Dye Eggs’

• **What “Christ is risen” Accomplished for humanity – Achieve in the future – Effects here and now**

‘I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always

abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.’

We love hyperbole – Fights in marriage = ‘always’ and ‘never’ | I couldn’t live without my _____

Trivial = Coffee – Green Chili | Functional = Smart phone – Car – Fanny | Relational = Friend – Family

One of two reasons: Sustain or give lives meaning...losing them would change us in profound ways

Bold Statement: The only thing we cannot live without is the resurrection of Jesus Christ

Resurrection doesn’t just affect our lives...defines – Resurrection brought outcome nothing else could

Brought the victory of life by conquering death | BI - The Outcome of the Resurrection is Life

Changes Everything! These verses give us three results of the Resurrection

1. Christ’s Resurrection Gave Us: Life that Cannot be Lost (50-53)

(50) ‘I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Game: Would you rather? Too Hot – Cold | Swim...Nutella or Maple | Permanent mullet or bald

Supposed to compel conversation – Would rather spend forever in Heaven or Hell? Easy...problem

• **Flesh & blood = Systems – Resources – Strength - Sustenance available on earth**

○ **Not sufficient or valuable enough get heaven – TOWER BABBLE (Ridiculous) - Couldn’t survive**

○ **Corruptible & Perishable cannot survive in the Incorruptible and Imperishable Kingdom of God**

In our flesh & blood life...we are corrupted & perishable...unfit Heaven

• **So we don’t have a Physical / Spiritual problem | We have a corruption – perishable problem**

If we’re going to inherit the kingdom of God...going to have to become uncorrupted & imperishable

• **Alive without a future of death and decay, we need something to change...**

(51) Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

When he says changed he doesn’t mean altered, he means exchanged

Different – Not a good scrubbing...exchange our current selves for new | New Life...imperishable

Good news: Those in Christ...this change happen - When? At the last trumpet...oh good...no...

• **Don’t get lost – Figure out how many trumpets – when the last one...how do bowls / scrolls fit?**

Jewish culture...trumpet school bells – Told what’s next: Work – Serve – Pray – Festivals

• **Last trumpet means...it’s over – No more work – observances – tasks...time to come home**

To do so...this mortal body must put on immortality...this one won’t do...gotta be New Body

This is what Jesus secured for us at His resurrection – New Life ready for immortality

Be on the right side of the last trumpet...annoying...probably gonna die first...twinkling...all in Christ

When Jesus rose from the grave...He showed us that in Him...immortality was possible!

2. Christ’s Resurrection Gave Us: Victory that Cannot be Reversed (54-57)

When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.”

Israelites knew & believed death would be defeated, but when, where, and how was a mystery

• **Now the mystery is revealed: Death is swallowed up in victory because of Jesus Christ**

○ **When he rose, he swallowed up death – consumed it in victorious life! Confidence...**

O death, where’s your victory? O death, where’s your sting? The sting of death is sin, & the power of sin is the law.

• **It’s a mocking tone. Where is your victory? Where is your sting? That’s a bold thing to say**

○ **Death is all around us and is barreling toward us...it’s an adversary...can you say...?!?! ↑↑↑↑**

You can because of Christ...Because Christ has defeated the:

a) **Penalty of sin:** The sting of death is sin...Unpaid for sin at the time of our death...will be paid

b) **Power of evil:** Two forms of Evil: 1. Evil is lawlessness...who gets to decide what is evil? God

2. Supernatural enemy here in our world...he hates you...smarter & stronger...not afraid of you

HE IS TERRIFIED OF THE ONE WHO DIED FOR YOU...LIVES IN YOU...FIGHTS FOR YOU

c) **Pain of death:** Why are people afraid death? Not physical pain...fear of what happens afterward

What Christ offers is the answer to an intense question. ‘What happens after death?’ LIFE.../A

Penalty of sin – Power of evil – Pain of death...we can’t win the victory...why? We’re the problem

We need a hero of the story...I’m not the hero...I can’t win! | I need someone to save me, from me...

I am the sinner...I am evil...I deserve death...I need a savior...you need a savior

This book...cover to cover...not story condemnation – Do’s and Don’ts – Or a suggestion for self-help

Book of redemption...God righting our wrongs...God providing a way...God doing what we never could

(57) But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ | Cannot be reversed...finished

Jesus is hero of the story...feel like you can’t win...you cant – You don’t have to...it’s been given to you

• **Feel hopeless...Hope is found in the open arms of the God who walked out of the tomb...ALIVE!**

Only reason to be hopeless...if God were dead...evil...sin...death...our God is Alive...you can be too

○ **This is why we can look death in the face and say, you’ve lost your sting**

○ **It can’t sting us anymore...death lost its sting because sin has lost its host | Jesus took the sin**

We still have to confront our broken, screwed up world...we can do so with confidence & without fear

God allows death, but He hasn’t allowed death to win

The outcome of the resurrection is life that can’t be lost, victory that can’t be reversed, and finally:

3. Christ’s Resurrection Gave us: Purpose that Cannot be Moved (58)

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

• **Christ walked out of grave, He accomplished his purpose for us: Giving us life that can’t be lost**

• **Christ walked grave, guaranteeing our future: Giving us victory over death...defang power of sin**

• **Christ walked out of the grave, He gave us a purpose here on earth**

Five years ago...we planted a church with a vision...Doxological Existence...Doxological Ecclesiology

Deepest longing of every person who has ever existed is to live a life that worships and glorifies God

Steadfast – Immovable – Abounding = Our response to Christ who gives us Life – Victory – Purpose

• **You have to hear this...you have to stand for Jesus now...**

• **Get on the right side of the trumpet...GOSPEL...it will not be in vain**

• **From hopeless to purposeful...you stand now...**

The outcome of the Resurrection is Life

Why are you a Christian? Because Jesus Christ rose from the dead