

SERMON NOTES:

Series: Between Two Trees | Part 6: The Tree of Life

BIG Idea: The Tree of Life stands again—offering resurrection life now and forever.

Application: Live today as someone raised to new life in Christ.

Join us as we read the Bible together in 2026.

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If Good Friday shows us what Jesus carried...Easter shows us what He unleashed.

1. Resurrection meets us where death had the last word.

John 20:11-16 (NLT)

¹¹ Mary was standing outside the tomb crying, and as she wept, she stooped and looked in.

¹² She saw two white-robed angels, one sitting at the head and the other at the foot of the place where the body of Jesus had been lying. ¹³ “Dear woman, why are you crying?” the angels asked her.

“Because they have taken away my Lord,” she replied, “and I don’t know where they have put him.”

¹⁴ She turned to leave and saw someone standing there. It was Jesus, but she didn’t recognize him. ¹⁵ “Dear woman, why are you crying?” Jesus asked her. “Who are you looking for?”

She thought he was the gardener. “Sir,” she said, “if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him.”

¹⁶ “Mary!” Jesus said.

She turned to him and cried out, “Rabboni!” (which is Hebrew for “Teacher”).

1 Corinthians 15:21-22 (NLT)

²¹ So you see, just as death came into the world through a man, now the resurrection from the dead has begun through another man. ²² Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life.

The resurrection did not avoid the grave – it emptied it.

What feels final is not ultimate.

2. Resurrection does more than revive us – it remakes us.

Romans 6:4 (NLT)

⁴ For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.

Jesus did not rise to improve your old life; He rose to give you a new one.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

¹⁷ This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

Ephesians 2:5 (NLT)

⁵ that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!)

Resurrection life is not about turning over a new leaf – it's about receiving a new root.

3. Resurrection life is for now, and it's moving toward forever.

Revelation 22:1-3 (NLT)

¹ Then the angel showed me a river with the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb. ² It flowed down the center of the main street. On each side of the river grew a tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, with a fresh crop each month. The leaves were used for medicine to heal the nations. ³ No longer will there be a curse upon anything. For the throne of God and of the Lamb will be there, and his servants will worship him.

The Bible begins with a tree forfeited...and ends with a tree restored.

Romans 8:11 (NLT)

¹¹ The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.

Easter is not only proof that Jesus lives – it is proof that life wins.

Because Jesus rose, life with God is no longer lost – it is open now and forever.