

Address the Mess - Part 1 - The Best Mess Ever Mark Rouse - mark@epicchurchbuffalo.com April 16, 2017

MESSY OPTIONS

- <u>COVER</u> it up.
- **BLAME** someone or something.
- Take bad ADVICE.
- **CLEAN** it up the best we know how.
- Acknowledge the mess.

✓ Your mess has the <u>POTENTIAL</u> to bring God near.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

– John 3:16

"Christus, from whom the name had its origin, suffered the extreme penalty during the reign of Tiberius at the hands of one of our procurators, Pontius Pilatus..."

- Writings of Cornelius Tacitus from *Annals*

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1) LOOK TO JESUS.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. – John 3:17

I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life.

- John 5:24

2) FOLLOW JESUS.

Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life." – John 8:12

3) TRUST JESUS.

She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, "They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

— John 20:2

Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me." – John 20:29

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying." – John 11:25

Address the Mess Series

Sunday, April 23 - Wisdom in the Mess Sunday, April 30 - Avoiding the Mess Sunday, May 7 - My Financial Mess