

Collision

Week 1: When Life Collides with Death

Objective: To challenge us to live in the reality of the resurrection.

ICEBREAKER When you hear the word “*final*,” what comes to mind? Is that idea comforting or unsettling for you? Why?

1. The Reality of “Final”

The sermon explored how some things in life feel final—especially death.

- What situations in life have felt “final” to you?
- Why does death feel like the most final thing of all?
- How does our experience shape what we believe about what is truly final?

2. The First Easter Expectations

The women came to the tomb expecting to find a dead body.

- Why is it important that no one expected the resurrection?
- What does that tell us about how real and final Jesus’ death seemed?
- How does that strengthen your confidence (or raise questions) about the resurrection?

3. The Collision at the Tomb

We said: *On Easter, life collided with death—and death lost.*

- What stands out to you about that phrase?
- Why is the resurrection described as a “collision”?
- How does that moment change the meaning of death?

4. Death Is Not Final

The resurrection proves that death is not the end.

- How does that truth challenge the way most people think about death?
- Why is it sometimes hard to live like we actually believe this?
- What difference does it make if death is not the end of the story?

5. Hope in Every Situation

We said: *If death isn’t final, then there is hope for every situation we face.*

- How does the resurrection give hope in everyday struggles (not just at the end of life)?
- Which situations in your life feel hardest to face with hope right now?
- What would it look like to face those situations differently because of Jesus?

6. When Hope Doesn’t Mean Easy

The sermon made clear that hope doesn’t mean everything works out the way we want.

- Why is that an important distinction?
- How can we hold onto hope even when outcomes are painful or uncertain?
- What does it mean to trust God when life doesn’t go the way we hoped?

7. Living Differently Because of Hope

We said: *If there is hope for every situation, then it changes how we live.*

- What is the difference between “surviving” and “living for something”?
- How does hope shape the way someone approaches difficulty, purpose, and faith?
- Where might God be inviting you to live with more courage or purpose?

8. Friday vs. Sunday

The sermon said: *Friday felt final, but Sunday proved death had lost.*

- Where in your life are you living in “Friday”—where things feel final or hopeless?
- What would it look like to live in the hope of “Sunday” instead?
- What step could you take this week to shift from fear to hope?



FINAL THOUGHT

The resurrection is not just something we celebrate once a year—it is the foundation we stand on every day. What feels final is not final. What feels hopeless is not hopeless. Because Jesus is alive, death has lost, and hope is always possible. We are not people stuck in Friday—we are people who live in the reality of Sunday.

THIS WEEK – LIVE IN HOPE

Choose one situation in your life that feels heavy, uncertain, or “final,” and intentionally bring it under the truth of the resurrection.

- Name the situation honestly.
- Identify where fear or finality has taken hold.
- Choose to trust that God is not finished.

Write down:

- What situation am I treating as final?
- What would it look like to bring resurrection hope into it?
- How can I live differently this week because Jesus is alive?

Live this week not as someone just getting through life—but as someone living in the hope of the resurrection.

