

Sermon Notes

3-31-24 - THE GOOD NEWS OF THE RESURRECTION - Holy Week 2024

Call to Worship - The Resurrection

Mark 16:2-6

2 Very early on Sunday morning, just at sunrise, the women went to the tomb.

3 On the way, they were asking each other, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"

4 But as they arrived, they looked up and saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled aside.

5 When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side. The women were shocked,

6 but the angel said, "Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead!"

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1 Peter 1:3-4

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, soil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you."

THE GOOD NEWS OF THE RESURRECTION!

Mark 16:6

6 "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.

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Mark 16:8

8 Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

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John 10:17–18

17 The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again.

18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

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Can the Resurrection of Jesus be "relative?"

Problem: The Resurrection isn't an ideology, a philosophy, or a pathway. It's an event that happened in history.

For the early followers of Jesus, the Resurrection wasn't optional, it was indispensable.

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1 Corinthians 15:3–4

3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

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1 Corinthians 15:14

14 And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

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"There were many messianic movements in the first century. In every case, the would-be Messiah got crucified by Rome as Jesus did. In not one single case do we hear the slightest mention of the disappointed followers claiming their hero had been raised from the dead. They knew better"

N.T. Wright

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Acts 2:24

24 God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

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Acts 4:2

2 They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead.

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Not just an inspiring story, it's a life-changing power!

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Romans 4:25

25 He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

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John 11:25

25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;

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"We are Easter people, living in a Good Friday world. "

Barbara Johnson

1 Peter 1:3

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

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John 20:31

31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.