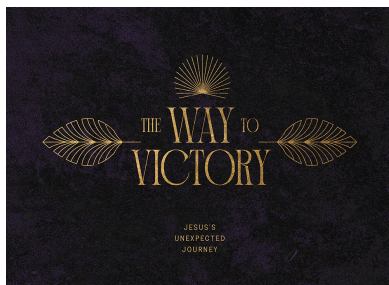


# SEQUOIA NOTES

## Today's Sequoia Message...

### Risen to Life

With Ryan Dawson - Lead Pastor  
April 17, 2022 - Easter Sunday



*“Gandalf! I thought you were dead! But then I thought I was dead myself. Is everything sad going to come untrue? What's happened to the world? ‘A great Shadow has departed,’ said Gandalf, and then he laughed and the sound was like music, or like water in a parched land; and as he listened the thought came to Sam that he had not heard laughter, the pure sound of merriment, for days upon days without count” J. R. R. Tolkien, The Return of the King*

- **There is a resurrection & restoration story that changes our reality in this life & the next.**

Matthew 28:1-10 (NLT) Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb. **2** Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. **3** His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. **4** The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint. **5** Then the angel spoke to the women. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. **6** He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. **7** And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there. Remember what I have told you.” **8** The women ran quickly from the tomb. They were very frightened but also filled with great joy, and they rushed to give the disciples the angel’s message. **9** And as they went, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they ran to him, grasped his feet, and worshiped him. **10** Then Jesus said to them, “Don’t be afraid! Go tell my brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there.”

- **If we embrace these directives it will fundamentally change our reality for the better.**

#### 1) “Don’t be afraid”

**2) “He is risen”** v. 5-6 “I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. **6** He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen.”

- **The crucifixion matters greatly, for without the cross we cannot be saved from sin.**

2 Corinthians 5:21 (AMP) “[God] made Christ who knew no sin to [judicially] be sin on our behalf, so that in Him we would become the righteousness of God [that is, we would be made acceptable to Him and placed in a right relationship with Him by His gracious lovingkindness].”

1 Peter 2:24-25

**The resurrection of Jesus Christ fundamentally changes our reality. How is this true?**

- **The resurrection proves that Jesus is God’s Son and our Saviour.**
- **The resurrection verifies the truth of Scripture.**
- **The resurrection assures our own future resurrection.**
- **The resurrection gives power for Christian living.**
- **The resurrection ensures we will stand before Jesus as King.**

Acts 17:30-31 (NLT) “God overlooked people’s ignorance about these things in earlier times, but now he commands everyone everywhere to repent of their sins and turn to him. <sup>31</sup> For he has set a day for judging the world with justice by the man he has appointed, and he proved to everyone who this is by raising him from the dead.”

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**Will you worship & embrace the Risen King?**

**Big Idea: Choose to worship and embrace the Risen Christ.**

*“Whatever you have done, whatever you have become, it doesn’t matter. Please come home.” Max Lucado, No Wonder They Call Him Savior*

- **The resurrection of Jesus is God’s picture inviting us home.**



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- 7) **Application:** How is God speaking to you through these verses and through this message? (Take some time for Listening Prayer). What does it mean for you to worship and embrace the Risen King?
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