

The Greatest Week in History
Pt. 3, A Moment That Changes Everything
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Easter is not just an event; it is an invitation!

Is This Real?

1 Corinthians 15:14 (NIV) *“And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.”*

- 1) Eyewitness Testimony
- 2) The Tomb Was Empty
- 3) The Disciples Transformation
- 4) The Rapid Growth of the Early Church
- 5) Transformed Lives

The resurrection of Jesus isn't just something to believe; it's something that transforms how we see, what we understand, and the way we live.

1. Jesus is Alive

Matthew 28:5-6 NIV *“The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.”*

Ephesians 2:5 NLT *“that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead.”*

Since this is true, then this isn't just about what happened to Jesus, it's about what can happen to you.

2. Because He Lives, We Can Live Too

2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT *“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation the old things have passed away and behold all things have become new.”*

Jesus didn't come to improve you; He came to transform you!

Because He Lives:

- You are not your past
- You are not your mistakes
- You are not what happened to you
- You are not your temptation

Romans 6:4 NLT *“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.”*

3. Stop Living Like It Didn't Happen

Colossians 2:13-14 NLT *“You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.”*

Freedom isn't just given; it has to be walked in.

Three ways to exercise the freedom Jesus offers:

A. Choose truth over Feelings

Freedom begins with truth not your feelings.

You don't walk in freedom by trusting your feelings, you walk in freedom by trusting His Word.

B. Leave What Jesus Set You Free From

Galatians 5:1 NIV *“Stand firm, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.”*

You can't stay in the same patterns, the same environments, the same compromises and expect a different life.

C. Follow the Voice of the One Who Freed You

John 10:2-5 NIV *“The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice.”*

Freedom isn't found in doing whatever you want. Freedom is found choosing to follow the one who set you free.

4. The Invitation

John 1:12 NLT *"But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God."*

Jesus came to offer freedom and salvation through the choice to Surrender.

The invitation this morning is:

- Don't just admire Jesus, Follow Him
- Don't just celebrate, Surrender to Him
- Don't just acknowledge, Believe in Him

He Rose:

- So, you could become someone new
- So, you could become a child of God
- So, you could be saved from your sin
- So, you could be free from anything sin could produce in you