



The
Resurrection
and the Life

John 11:25-26
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Sermon Summary

Jesus Foretold His Death, Burial and Resurrection!

In the months leading up to His execution, Jesus revealed in graphic detail to His disciples what was coming. Had the shock of His arrest, beating, trial and death on the cross been too much for even one of them to remember what he said? Had the connection to what Jesus said and what they witnessed not been what they expected? Had the disciples disregarded what Jesus said because they expected something totally different than what happened? Christians who are not vigilant, steeped in the Scriptures and walking in the Spirit are susceptible to similar moments of indecision and uncertainty, fear and worry. How can the teachings of Jesus, the experiences of His disciples and the resurrection help us be prepared for anything?

Diving Into The Message

All four Gospels revel that Jesus' repeatedly pointed to His death and His resurrection

1. Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled!

1 "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. 4 And you know the way to where I am going." 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:1-6

2. I Must Suffer Many Things - Jesus

21 From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. 22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." 23 But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

Matthew 16:21-23

3. I Must Be Killed - Jesus

22 As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men, 23 and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day." And they were greatly distressed.

Matthew 17:22-23

4. On the Third Day I Will Rise - Jesus

17 And as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside, and on the way he said to them, 18 "See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death 19 and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day."

Matthew 20:17-19

Life Application

1. What are your plans for Easter? Will you worship with your extended family? Will you make plans to worship at First Baptist Church Gulfport at 10:30 on April 17 and invite others to join you?
2. Easter season is a wonderful time to talk to others about Jesus. What do you want others to know and believe about Jesus? What are you willing to tell them?
3. When Jesus was crucified and buried, the disciples deserted Him and fled (Mark 14:50). They didn't want people to know they were Jesus' disciples. Fear and uncertainty, indecision and worry immobilized them. How do you handle the uncertainty of all that is happening in the world today?
4. When Jesus told the disciples that He would be arrested, killed, buried and raised on the third day, did His disciples not believe Him? Understand Him?
5. Jesus told His disciples how the story would end. He would rise on the third day. Did the disciples lose count of the days? Why do you think the disciples did not remember what Jesus had said?
6. How often do you forget what Jesus said? His teachings and the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life will guide you into all truth! What steps do you need to take to make sure you remember all that Jesus said? Who needs to hear you tell them what Jesus taught?
7. Pray asking the Lord to open doors for you to boldly share Jesus with people and that you will do it by His power and for His glory, for the salvation of lost souls!