

RESURRECTION SUNDAY MESSAGE

“The Firstfruits and the Coming Harvest”

I. THIS WAS NEVER RANDOM

One of the most breathtaking realities about the resurrection of Jesus is this:

It did not just happen.

It happened on a specific day... for a specific reason.

Jesus rose on **First fruits**.

Not randomly.

Not symbolically only.

But **intentionally**—as part of a pattern God had been writing into history for thousands of years.

What we call the resurrection...

God had already rehearsed.

II. THE FEASTS WERE REHEARSALS

In the Old Testament, God gave Israel a calendar of feasts.

These were not just celebrations.

They were **prophetic rehearsals**.

They told a story in advance.

The Spring Feasts:

- Passover
- Unleavened Bread
- Firstfruits
- Pentecost

The Fall Feasts:

- Trumpets
- Day of Atonement
- Tabernacles

And here is the key:

The spring feasts were fulfilled at Jesus' first coming.

The fall feasts are waiting for His second coming.

This is not coincidence.

This is **God's choreography of redemption**.

III. PASSOVER: THE LAMB

Jesus died on **Passover**.

The same day Israel remembered the lamb whose blood saved them in Egypt.

Exodus 12 (Passover)

The lamb was slain.

The blood covered the people.

Death passed over them.

Now look at Jesus:

1 Corinthians 5:7 ***“Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.”***

Jesus was not just dying.
He was fulfilling a pattern.
The Lamb had come.

IV. UNLEAVENED BREAD: SINLESSNESS

After Passover came **Unleavened Bread**.
Leaven represented sin.
This feast represented purity.
Jesus’ body lay in the tomb during this time.
1 Peter 2:22 ***“He committed no sin...”***
Even in death, He remained **the sinless offering**.

V. FIRSTFRUITS: THE RESURRECTION

Then comes the moment that changes everything.
First fruits
In ancient Israel, a sheaf from the first part of the barley harvest was brought before God.
It was waved before Him as an offering.
Why?
Because it meant something:
**If the first part came in...
the rest of the harvest was guaranteed.**
This was not just thanksgiving.
It was **confidence in what was coming next**.

A. JESUS FULFILLS FIRSTFRUITS

Jesus rose from the dead on **this exact day**.
Paul explains it:
1 Corinthians 15:20
“Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.”
Jesus is the sheaf.
Jesus is the offering.
Jesus is the guarantee.

B. THE REVELATION

This is where everything shifts.
The resurrection is not just proof that Jesus is alive.
It is a **promise about you**.
Just as the first sheaf guaranteed the full harvest...
Jesus’ resurrection guarantees your resurrection.

VI. THE PATTERN IS UNBROKEN

The spring feasts unfolded in order:

- Passover → Jesus dies
- Unleavened Bread → Jesus buried
- First fruits → Jesus rises
- Pentecost → Spirit poured out

Each one fulfilled exactly.

Not symbolically.

Precisely.

So what does that mean?

It means we can trust the pattern.

Because the same God who fulfilled spring...

will complete fall.

VII. THE FALL FEASTS: WHAT IS COMING

The fall feasts have not yet been fulfilled.

But they are not uncertain.

They are **awaiting fulfillment**.

- Trumpets- The return, the announcement, the gathering
- Day of Atonement- Judgment, repentance, national awakening
- Tabernacles- God dwelling with His people

If the spring feasts were fulfilled literally...

Then the fall feasts will be too.

A. THE CONNECTION TO FIRSTFRUITS

Firstfruits did something else.

It started a countdown.

From Firstfruits, Israel counted **49 days to Pentecost**.

Which means:

The resurrection did not just guarantee a harvest.

It initiated a process.

We are living inside that process right now.

Between:

*First fruits fulfilled **And** Harvest completed*

VIII. WHAT THIS MEANS FOR US

This is where it becomes personal.

Because we are not just observers.

We are **the harvest**.

Romans 8:23

“We ourselves... groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for... the redemption of our bodies.”

We are living in the tension.

Saved... but waiting.

Alive... but not fully raised.

Transformed... but still becoming.

A. THIS IS THE RESURRECTION HEART

The resurrection is not just an event.
It is a **life we are being formed into.**

A resurrection heart:

- trusts the pattern
- embraces the process
- endures the waiting
- refuses shortcuts

Because it knows:

What began in Firstfruits will end in harvest.

IX. CONFIDENCE IN THE FACE OF PRESSURE

This is why this matters.

Because when pressure comes... When persecution comes... When the world shakes...

You will not stand on emotion. You will stand on **certainty.**

Because the resurrection is not just hope.

It is **evidence of a pattern already fulfilled.**

If God fulfilled Passover... If God fulfilled First fruits...

Then He will fulfill what is still to come.

FINAL CALL

So the question is not:

Do you believe Jesus rose?

The deeper question is:

Do you trust the pattern He revealed?

Because if Jesus is the First fruits... Then you are the harvest.

And the same power that raised Him... Is the same power that will raise you.

CLOSING LINE

What God began in the spring...

He will finish in the fall.

And because the Firstfruits has already risen...

The harvest is not a possibility.

It is a promise.