

## From Death to Life

Today we gather on Easter Sunday not merely to remember an event, but to celebrate the greatest turning point in human history:

The tomb is empty. Death has been defeated. Jesus is alive.

Easter is not simply about a resurrection that happened long ago—it is about a resurrection power that still changes lives today.

Because the resurrection of Jesus means this:

### **What was dead does not have to stay dead.**

Dead dreams can live again. Dead faith can live again. Dead hope can live again.

And spiritually dead hearts can come alive through Christ.

The resurrection is heaven's announcement that death does not get the final word.

Ephesians 2:4-5

“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ...”

### **I. Humanity's Greatest Problem Was Never Political, Social, or Economic — It Was Death ●**

The Bible teaches that before Christ, humanity's deepest condition is spiritual death.

Romans 3:23 “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

Sin did not merely wound humanity—it separated humanity from God.

This death shows itself in:

- guilt we cannot erase
- emptiness success cannot fill
- fear we cannot hide
- brokenness we cannot fix ourselves

People may look alive outwardly while inwardly carrying death:

- smiling but empty
- active but spiritually numb
- successful but restless

That is why Easter matters.

Because no human solution could fix a dead soul.

## II. The Cross Looked Like Defeat, But It Was Heaven's Victory 🏴

On Friday, it looked over.

Jesus was beaten. Mocked. Pierced. Buried.

The crowd assumed Rome had won.

Religious leaders assumed silence had won.

Hell assumed darkness had won.

But what looked like defeat was actually divine victory.

Colossians 2:14 -15 “He canceled the record of debt... He disarmed the rulers and authorities...”

At the cross:

- sin was judged
- mercy was released
- justice was satisfied
- forgiveness became available

The cross was not tragedy—it was transaction.

Jesus took our death so we could receive His life.

## III. Sunday Morning Changed Everything 🌅

Early that morning, the women came expecting death.

They brought spices because they expected a body.

But heaven had already moved.

The stone was rolled away—not so Jesus could get out, but so witnesses could look in.

Matthew 28:6 “He is not here, for He has risen, as He said.”

That sentence shook history.

Because every other grave still contains remains.

But the tomb of Jesus became a declaration: **Death is no longer undefeated.** The resurrection proves:

- Jesus is who He claimed to be
- sin's debt is fully paid
- eternal life is available
- hope is justified

#### IV. Easter Means Your Story Is Not Finished 🔥

Many came today carrying private graves:

- grief
- regret
- failure
- disappointment
- shame

Some people arrived smiling outwardly while inwardly feeling buried.

But Easter says:

The same God who raised Christ can raise what feels dead in you.

Romans 8:11 “The Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you...”

That means:

What addiction buried, grace can resurrect.

What pain buried, hope can resurrect.

What sin buried, mercy can resurrect.

The resurrection is not only history—it is invitation.

#### V. Jesus Did Not Rise Only To Be Admired — He Rose To Be Received 🙏

Easter is not complete until resurrection becomes personal.

It is possible to celebrate Easter publicly while remaining spiritually unchanged privately.

The question is not:

Did Jesus rise?

The question is:

**Has His resurrection changed you?**

John 11:25 “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live.”

Notice Jesus did not say:

“I give resurrection.”

He said: **“I am resurrection.”** Life is found in a Person.

## VI. The Empty Tomb Demands a Response

Every person must answer Easter.  
You cannot remain neutral before an empty tomb.

Either He is risen—or He is not.  
If He is risen:

- your sin can be forgiven
- your past can be redeemed
- your future can be secure

The resurrection means no one is beyond grace.

Not the doubter. Not the prodigal. Not the wounded. Not the skeptic.

## VII. For the Church: We Are Resurrection Witnesses

The church is not a gathering of perfect people.

It is a gathering of people who were spiritually dead and made alive.  
Every testimony in this room says:

“I was dead, but Christ gave me life.”

That is why Easter worship carries joy.  
Because we are not celebrating theory.  
We are celebrating victory.

Today, some need more than attendance—they need transformation.  
Some need more than tradition—they need resurrection.

The same Jesus who walked out of the grave still calls people by name.

Just as He called Lazarus from the tomb, He still calls people out of darkness today.

And His call is simple: **Come alive.**