

Name Above All Names [Resurrection Sunday] Discussion Guide

Summary

This sermon concludes a series exploring Jesus' journey from Palm Sunday through Resurrection Sunday, focusing on how Jesus conquered death and what this means for believers today. Jonathan emphasizes that Jesus is the 'Name above all names' because He alone has defeated death through His resurrection. Using Matthew 28:1-10, the message highlights how the women at the tomb discovered Jesus had risen just as He promised, transforming their fear into joy. The sermon explains that Jesus' resurrection isn't just a historical event but a personal promise of victory over death for all who believe. Jonathan concludes with a clear gospel presentation from Romans 10:9-10, inviting listeners to declare Jesus as Lord and believe in His resurrection for salvation.

Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, we come before You with grateful hearts, recognizing that we gather in the presence of the One whose name is above all names - Jesus. Thank You for Your great love for each of us and for the victory You won through Christ's resurrection. As we study Your Word together today, we ask that You open our hearts and minds to receive what You want to teach us. Help us to be receptive to Your Spirit's leading and to grow deeper in our understanding of what it means that Jesus conquered death for us. Prepare our hearts for

meaningful discussion and fellowship. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Ice Breaker

What is one thing that brings you joy when you think about it or experience it? It could be a person, place, activity, or memory that consistently lifts your spirits.

Key Verses

- John 11:25
- Matthew 28:1-10
- Matthew 20:17-19
- 1 Corinthians 15:20-23
- Romans 10:9-10

Questions

- Jonathan mentioned that when someone is deeply in love, it shows in how they act and see the world. How does knowing Jesus and His love change the way we experience daily life?
- The women at the tomb expected to find a dead body but instead encountered the living God. How do our expectations sometimes limit what we believe God can do in our circumstances?
- Jesus told His disciples exactly what would happen to Him, and it occurred just as He said. How does this demonstrate the power and authority of Jesus' words in our lives today?
- The angel told the women 'Don't be afraid' and Jesus later said the same thing. What fears in your life need to be surrendered to the reality of Jesus' victory over death?

- Jesus referred to His disciples as 'brothers,' showing how His resurrection makes us family. What does it mean to you personally that Jesus calls you family?
- The women experienced both fear and great joy simultaneously when they encountered the risen Jesus. How can we maintain both reverent awe and joyful celebration in our relationship with Christ?
- Jonathan emphasized that the resurrection changes how we face current struggles, not just our eternal future. How can the reality of Jesus' victory over death impact how you handle present challenges?
- The women were told to 'go quickly and tell' others about Jesus' resurrection. What holds us back from sharing the good news of Jesus with others, and how can we overcome those barriers?

Life Application

This week, identify one area of your life where you've been living in fear or defeat rather than in the victory that Jesus has already won. Each day, remind yourself that Jesus has conquered death and therefore has authority over whatever you're facing. Practice declaring 'Jesus is Lord' over that specific situation and ask Him to help you live in the reality of His resurrection power rather than in fear or discouragement.

Key Takeaways

- Jesus is the Name above all names because He alone has conquered death through His resurrection
- The resurrection of Jesus is both a historical fact and a personal promise of victory over death for all believers

- Jesus' resurrection changes how we live today, not just our eternal destiny... we can face struggles with hope knowing He has already won
- Salvation comes through declaring Jesus as Lord and believing in His resurrection, not through our own efforts or worthiness
- The good news of Jesus' victory over death is meant to be shared with others who are still living in fear and searching for hope

Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for conquering death and making a way for us to have eternal life with You. As we leave this time together, help us to live each day in the reality of Your resurrection power. When we face difficulties, remind us that You have already won the victory. Give us boldness to share the hope we have in You with others who need to hear this good news. Help us to walk as people who truly believe that Your name is above all names and that nothing is impossible for You. Transform our hearts and lives to reflect the joy and hope that comes from knowing You are alive and working in our lives. In Your precious and powerful name we pray, Amen.