

Easter Sunday Message – April 20, 2025

Text: Matthew 28:1-6

***Introduction: A Day That Changed the World**

*Today is not just any Sunday.

*It is the day that changed history.

*It is the day that redefined death.

*It is the day that brought heaven's greatest hope to earth's deepest sorrow.

*Easter is not merely a holiday—it is a holy declaration: Jesus is alive.

*The resurrection of Jesus Christ is not just the end of a story—it is the beginning of new life for all who believe.

***1. The Resurrection Was Promised – Matthew 28:6**

*From the beginning of His ministry, Jesus told His disciples what would happen. He spoke openly about His death, burial, and resurrection.

*Luke 9:22

Even though the disciples didn't fully understand, Jesus' promise remained firm.

Jesus said He would rise again—and He did.

This reminds us of something powerful, church:

God keeps His promises.

Even when we can't see it.

Even when everything looks like it's falling apart.

Even when Friday brings pain and Saturday brings silence—Sunday is coming.

***2. The Resurrection Is Power Over Death**

The resurrection is more than a miracle—it is a victory.

Death had never lost a battle—until Jesus.

No one had ever walked into a tomb and walked out under their own power—until Jesus.

*1 Corinthians 15:55–57

Jesus did not just escape death—He conquered it.

And that victory is not just His—it is ours.

*John 14:19

Church, the resurrection means that the grave is not the end.

We do not grieve as those who have no hope.

Because He lives, we will live!

***3. The Resurrection Is a New Beginning**

Easter is not only about what Jesus did—it's about what Jesus is still doing.

He rose not just to show His power, but to offer us a new life.

*2 Corinthians 5:17

We are not bound to our past.
We are not prisoners of guilt.
We are not stuck in fear.
We are made new in Jesus Christ.

That means:

- You can be forgiven.
- You can be free.
- You can have peace.
- You can live with purpose.

The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is available to us through the Holy Spirit.

*Romans 8:11

***4. The Resurrection Requires a Response**

Let us go back to the angel's words to the women:

*Matthew 28:6

They were invited to witness the truth—but they were not meant to stay at the tomb.
Just a few verses later, the angel says:

*Matthew 28:7

This is what Easter demands: a response.

We are called to:

- Come and see — experience the risen Christ.
- Go and tell — share the good news of His resurrection.

You are not called to keep the resurrection quiet—you are called to live it loudly.

***Conclusion: He Is Risen—So Now What?**

*The tomb is empty.

*The grave is defeated.

*Jesus is alive—and that changes everything.

*So now the question is: How will we live because of this truth?

Let today not just be a celebration—let it be a commission.

Let it be the day you rise with Christ.

Let it be the day you say, **“Lord, I believe, and I will follow.”**

***Bottom Line:**

*1. Jesus rose from the dead—just as He said - Matthew 28:6

God’s Word can always be trusted.

*2. The resurrection is proof of God’s power over death - 1 Corinthians 15:55

*3. The empty tomb means our sins are forgiven and we can live free - 1 Corinthians 15:20

*4. The resurrection offers us new life through Jesus Christ - 2 Corinthians 5:17

*5. Because Jesus lives, we have hope—today and for eternity - 1 Peter 1:3

***Key Takeaway:**

*The resurrection changes everything—Jesus is alive, hope is alive, and you can live a new life in Him.