RESURRECTION SUNDAY SERVICE CALVARY CHAPEL CHINO HILLS SUNDAY APRIL 16TH. 2006

**MATTHEW 28:1-9** 

Message #JHX173

THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

"WHERE DO I BEGIN?"

THE POWER OF GOD TO RESTART YOUR LIFE

subject topically referenced under: Resurrection, Easter, Hope, Salvation, Apologetics,

Introduction to the Text; *Matthew 28:1-9* 

This Morning, I Would Like to be Very Careful Not to Assume Something Today.

## I DON'T WANT TO ASSUME THAT All of Us Here in Attendance. Believe The Message of The Bible - That Jesus Christ Rose from The Dead on This Day Nearly 2,000 yrs. Ago!

This Morning, We Gather, Publicly, to Worship Jesus Christ as Our Resin Lord and Savoir !

So Please Hear This - - Unlike Any Other Faith or Religion in the World, The Christian Message is Unique.

# We Worship Him Who is Alive !

#### Matt. 28:1-9

Now after the Sabbath, as the first *day* of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. :2 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. :3 His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. :4 And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead *men.* :5 But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. :6 He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. :7 And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you." :8 So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word. :9 And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him.

## I DON'T WANT TO ASSUME

That You Believe in The Bible's Message - So Please Hear This Argument This Morning

That According to the Scriptures, Almighty God Came to Earth to Suffer for Us, Was Crucified in Place, But on the Third Day Rose Again from The Dead for Our Salvation..

> I Make No Assumption This Morning; I Want to Invite You To Consider Your Life, Your God and Your Future

Confirming What The Bible Had to Say and Jesus Christ's Message of Hope and Salvation !

# And The Eyewitness Accounts Help Today,

When You Compile The Four Gospel Accounts Together, You Easily Begin to See That This Morning in History was a Morning of Mixed with Fear and an Uneasy Joy. Everything That They Had Hoped in, Now Appeared to be Lost.

What They Had Come to Know and Trust in, Seemed to Have Broken Pown.

>>>> They Had Been With Jesus <<<<

The Followers of Jesus Christ Were About to Experience a **Restart** Their Lives... **"But Where Do I Begin**"

were bewildered and perplexed

TO RESTART MY LIFE

1.) I to have know the **Purpose** for my life

WHERE DO I BEGIN

"JESUS HAD BEEN TAKEN FROM THEM"

BELIEVING HE WAS THERE, THEY CAME EARLY TO THE TOMB

what were they expecting? Jesus Had Become Their Purpose

The scriptures tell us that the followers of Jesus had been in hiding for fear of the rulers and of the Romans.

Jesus Taught That Life had a Purpose. That God Gives Life for a Reason, for a Plan, for a Goal

# Maybe You've Never Had God's Plan at Work in Your Life,

The Bible is Very Specific About Your Life and God's Plan

TO RESTART MY LIFE

2.) I must have Hope for my life

WHERE DO I BEGIN

"Jesus Had Taught Them to Hope in God"

Jesus Said John 14:1 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.

Hope is a Fragile Thing. It's Something That Everyone of Us Must Have !

The Bible Say's; 1Pet. 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

The Bible Say's; Heb. 6:19

This *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast.

JESUS HAD TAUGHT THEM TO HOPE IN GOD

TO RESTART MY LIFE

3.) I need to experince real Love in my life

## WHERE DO I BEGIN

The Bible Say's; John 15:9 "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.

#### The Bible Say's; John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. **:17** For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

# This World Knows Little,

if Nothing About the Meaning of Love.

# People will say they "Love Each Other"

but what that really means is, "I will love you as longs I'm happy, then all bets are off"

People Today Will Say;

"I Love You" just to get Sexual Gratification, or Money, or Power, or Position...

The Love That You and Need Today is Not a Passing, Emotional, Situational Love

#### The Bible Say's; John 15:13

**Greater** love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends... I lay down my life for you...

TO RESTART MY LIFE

4.) I need to experience true Faith in my life

### WHERE DO I BEGIN

In What Are Whom is Your Faith Today ?

The Bible Say's; 1Pet. 1:21

Through Christ you have come to trust in God. And because God raised Christ from the dead and gave him great glory, your faith and hope can be placed confidently in God.

## **Those Who Trust in Jesus Christ Shall Never be Put to Shame** TO RESTART MY LIFE

5.) I need to know Acceptance in my life

#### WHERE DO I BEGIN

THE DESIRE TO BE ACCEPTED BY OTHERS IS A POWERFUL INFLUENCE UPON US

The **Stupid** Things That We've Done to Be Acceptable to Others

The Bible Say's; = Eph. 2:12

when we lived for our own pursuits and desires, we lived separated from Christ. we were excluded from God's people, we lived in this world without God and without hope.

#### The Bible Say's; 1Pet. 1:18-21

Don't you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And the ransom he paid was not that of mere gold or silver. **:19** He paid for you with the precious lifeblood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. **:20** Jesus Christ was ordained for this purpose long before the world began, but now in these final days, he was sent to the earth for all to see. And he did this for you. **:21** Through Christ you have come to trust in God. And because God raised Christ from the dead and gave him great glory, your faith and hope can be placed confidently

in God without fear.

The Bible Say's; Eph. 1:6 that it's by Jesus Christ, God has made us accepted.

## TO RESTART MY LIFE

6.) I need Peace in my life

### WHERE DO I BEGIN

The Bible Says

THE COMING OF JESUS CHRIST WAS TO...

The Bible Say's; - Jesus Christ Came

To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, And to guide our feet into the way of peace." - Luke 1:79

The Bible Say's; John 14:27

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

The Bible Say's; Phil. 4:7

It's God's peace that surpasses all human understanding, It will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

TO RESTART MY LIFE

7.) I need a Strength greater than myself

### WHERE DO I BEGIN

# This Life is Full of Pressures and Challenges.

Jesus Said,

Just Before He was to Return to Earth

#### The Bible Say's; Matt. 24:7

For ethnic groups will rise up against ethnic groups, and political powers will war against other political powers, there will be increasing famines, incurable diseases, and earthquakes in many different places. The Bible Say's Luke 21:26

Toward the end, men's hearts will fail them because of fear, because of the expectation of those things, which are coming on the earth

**Flash ! - -** The United States and Europe Have Been Warned by Islamist That Another 911 is Coming.

**Flash ! - -** Russia Has Promised Support Iran Should They Go To War, and Iran has Said that Israel Must be Destroyed.

## Hey Mom, Dad

Begin now to teach your children, that the Lord is always listening, teach them to pray and find comfort in the Almighty God.

**The Bible Say's; - 2 Cor. 12:9** And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."

## TO RESTART MY LIFE

8.) I want to know Salvation

### WHERE DO I BEGIN

In Every culture or every civilization, man has this drive to seek out Redemption and Salvation

#### The Bible Say's; - - 1John 4:14

And we have seen and testify that God the Father has sent His Son as Savior of the world. The Bible Say's; -- Acts 4:12

Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

#### The Bible Say's; -- Phil. 2:9-11

Therefore God has highly exalted Jesus Christ and has given Him The name that is above **every name**, **:10** that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **:11** and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## TO RESTART MY LIFE

9.) I know that I need Forgiveness

### WHERE DO I BEGIN

Physiologists Tell Us Today -

That One of the Greatest Problems Plaguing the Human Mind is the Consciousness of Sin, Guilt and Shame

#### Matt. 11:29

Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **:30** For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light."

Did You Know That Jesus Forgave Every Person Who Came to Him Seeking Forgiveness ?

#### ls. 1:18

"Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.

#### Col. 1:13-14

For God has delivered us from **the power of darkness** and has translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, **:14** in whom we have redemption through His blood, and **the forgiveness of our sins**. TO RESTART MY LIFE

10.) I want to know if I can Restart My Life Again ?

# WHERE DO I BEGIN Talk About Restarting !

When a Woman was Caught in the Act of Adultery, Jesus Said to Her, Woman, I Do Not Condemn You, Go and Sin like that no More.

She Went Away a Free Woman

# Wanna Talk About Restarting !

The Thief on the Cross, Jesus said Today You will be with Me in Paradise!

The Bible is All About Restarting Your Life !

# Jesus Called it Being "Born Again" ( from above, or birthed from heaven )

The Bible Say's; -- 2Cor. 5:17

Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

# how can I restart my life?

#### The Bible Say's John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

## Recommitments & <u>New Decisions Com</u>e Forward

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