

THE RESURRECTION SUNDAY SERVICE

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Matthew 28:1-10

THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**"WHAT IF
JESUS CHRIST ROSE FROM THE DEAD"**
THE RESURRECTION OF THE SON OF GOD

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Life, Hope, Joy, Resurrection, Salvation

Introduction to the Text;

Matthew 28:1-10

The Theme and Textual Summation of the Message

"Church, He Is Risen"

HE IS RISEN INDEED

Matt. 28:1-10

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. :10 Then Jesus said to them, "**Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.**"

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST.

It is by far the most considered, disputed, argued about, and challenging topic that a man or woman will face in this life.

It is also by far the most exciting, stimulating, and comforting topic to ponder because if true. it changes everything that you and I might think about regarding time and eternity, about life and death, about Hope and Purpose and Life – About Forgiveness!

INEVITABLY, the resurrection of Jesus Christ must be debated in your heart and mind. – *and it is!*

ETERNALLY, the resurrection of Jesus Christ will be the ultimate issue of your existence, both now and later.

a college student was asked by her professor, “young lady is it true that you’re a Christian? the woman answered ‘yes it is’ How can you believe in all that? he said. Curious, the young woman asked him “in all of what?” In the message of gospel, that Jesus Christ came from heaven to live a perfect life, to tell mankind about the love of God and the forgiveness sin, and life after death, how can you believe that? he demanded. her response was simple “it’s the greatest message that’s ever been mankind, I believe it’s true, and after all, It’s exactly what I need.’

WHAT IF JESUS CHRIST ROSE FROM THE DEAD?

1.) It would mean that there’s **absolute hope**

IT WOULD MEAN THERE’S ABSOLUTE HOPE

1a.) An absolute hope that’s **greater** than any sorrow

The Bible Warns Us That Sorrow can Cause Depression

Luke 22:45

When Jesus rose up from prayer He came to His disciples,
He found them sleeping because of sorrow.

**The Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the Dead,
Challenges Us to Reconsider Our Lives.**

THERE ARE HEAVYWEIGHT BATTLES IN LIFE;

Hope vs. **Sorrow**

<< most people try to hide their sorrow >>

we do that with money, noise, things, and people...

FRIEND, ONLY JESUS CAN TAKE AWAY YOUR SORROW

John 16:20b-21

but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. :21 A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.

When The Followers of Jesus Recognized
That He was Risen, They Rejoiced !

Matt. 28:8 & Luke 24:11

So when the woman went out from the tomb they were filled with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word. - **Luke 24:11** but their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them.

Excuse us please, don't tell us what's going on, we're his disciples, the apostles "leave us alone - can't you see we're all depressed"

IT WOULD MEAN THERE'S ABSOLUTE HOPE

1b.) An absolute hope that's **certain for today**

Friend, In All of This Life There are Few Things
That I Can Say, Are for Sure. But This One Thing is Certain,

Jesus Christ Rose from Dead, and...

1Pet. 1:3

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

1Pet. 1:4-5

God the Father, Through the Lord Jesus Christ has provided us an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, **reserved in heaven for you**, :5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

HAVE YOU MADE A "CERTAIN RESERVATION" ?

IT WOULD MEAN THERE'S ABSOLUTE HOPE

1c.) An absolute hope that's **beyond this earthly life**

The Bible Says, Heaven's Real. It Also Says That Jesus Came to Show Us The Way There, It Also Says, That Jesus Bought Us the Ticket to Heaven.

Not A Ticket - The Ticket

John 14:6 & John 10:27

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.... **John 10:27** My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. :28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

2Cor. 4:14

Knowing that he who raised up the Lord Jesus Christ **shall raise us up also** by Jesus, and shall present us together with you.

WHAT IF JESUS CHRIST ROSE FROM THE DEAD?

2.) It would mean that there's **absolute purpose**

IT WOULD MEAN THERE'S ABSOLUTE PURPOSE

2a.) An absolute purpose to your **past**

Rom. 5:1-6

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: :2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in **hope** of the glory of God. :3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations

also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; :4 And patience, experience; and experience, **hope**: :5 And **hope** maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. :6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

IT WOULD MEAN THERE'S ABSOLUTE PURPOSE

2b.) An absolute purpose to you **now**

Your Life's Success and Tragedies have a Purpose.

Rom. 8:28

And we know that **all things** work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose.

Jesus Gave Us, This All Important Truth,
because it's available right now when He said...

John 3:3

"Most assuredly (absolutely), I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Real, Forever, Spiritual Life is Possible for You Today

((*ever watch a pregnant woman with her tummy?*))
rubbing it, talking to it, = "who's in there?"

IT WOULD MEAN THERE'S ABSOLUTE PURPOSE

2c.) An absolute purpose to your **future**

**Did You Know That You're Alive Today
Because God is Not Done With You Yet?**

Jer. 29:11-12

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. :12 Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.

I'll prove it - this morning you are either excited and confident about heaven and eternal life,

Or you're not sure, uneasy about it, fearful.

A MODERN DAY PARABLE

“What if you were down to your last \$10 and you're starving,

would you spend it on a slot machine in Vegas,

or

would you get 2 In & Out Double-Double Animal Style Burgers with Fries and a Milk?

**With One, It's Over With One Yank
The Other Buys You Time by Giving You Life**

People are **Gambling** with Their Eternal Life Every Day

Matt. 12:30

He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.

1Th. 2:19

For what *is* our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? *Is it* not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?

WHAT IF JESUS CHRIST ROSE FROM THE DEAD?

3.) It would mean that there's **absolute life**

IT WOULD MEAN THERE'S ABSOLUTE LIFE

3a.) An absolute life **assured for you and your peace**

Rom. 4:25-5:2

Jesus Christ was delivered up **because of our offenses**, and was raised from the dead **for our justification**. :1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have **Peace** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, :2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Matt. 28:20

....I will be with you always, **(Peace)** even to the end of the age.”

**is your heart, soul, your mind at rest?
Do you have real peace?**

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my **Peace** I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

IT WOULD MEAN THERE'S ABSOLUTE LIFE

3b.) An absolute life **worthy of you to lean upon**

Eph. 2:4-9

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, **:5** even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), **:6** and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, **:7** that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. **:8** For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, **:9** not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Phil. 3:4-9

though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: **:5** circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; **:6** concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. **:7** But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. **:8** Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ **:9** and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;

IT WOULD MEAN THERE'S ABSOLUTE LIFE

3c.) An absolute life **offered to you to receive**

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:

Rom. 10:8-11

But what does it say? *“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart”* (that is, the word of faith which we preach): :9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. :10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. :11 For the Scripture says, *“Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.”*

Amen

a reminder to

Sit Down, Stay Seated, Don't Move
invitation to call “1”

“Have You Once Walked with God and Now You're Far From Him This Morning? – You Need to Come Back to Christ, and Stay This With Him.

invitation to call “2”

Maybe This Morning, You've Heard The True Meaning of the Cross for The First, and You Understand Now, You've Got to Do Something About Jesus?

COME FORWARD // TO THE COURTYARD

Wouldn't You Like to Finally Accept Jesus Christ Today?

Do You Need Ministry of Any Kind?

*as soon as this song is over, you come forward today,
and experience God's mercy and grace in your own life.*

End of Study