

Easter Weekend
Third Day Power
March 26&27, 2016

Luke 24:1-7

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise."

Ephesians 2:1-10

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

I. The Resurrection of Jesus is a **PROMISE**

1. Death is **NOT** the **STRONGEST** force at work.
2. Death takes many forms in our existence
 - a. greed and hatred
 - b. shame and remorse
 - c. rejection and isolation
 - d. disease and fear
 - e. guilt and regret
3. It plays out in our daily lives
 - a. In our marriage
 - b. In our addictions
 - c. In our independence
 - d. Delusions
 - e. In all of our brokenness

4. W.H.O. — Most contagious diseases

- a. Ebola
- b. AIDs

5. **SIN** - Infects all without respect

6. On the cross Jesus **DEFEATED** sin. At the Resurrection Jesus **DEFEATED** death.

Romans 6:9-11

Knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death He died, He died to sin once and for all; But the life that He lives, He lives to God. Likewise you also reckon yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

II. The Resurrection of Jesus is a **BRIDGE**

1. From your **PAST**, over your **FEARS, FLAWS**, and **FAILINGS** into a new life.

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III. Easter is about “**US**” becoming people of **THIRD DAY POWER**

Romans 6:4

That just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should be raised in newness of Life.

Romans 8:11

But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Clarence Hall

"Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it wont stay there. You can nail it to a cross, wrap it in winding sheets and shut it up in a tomb but it will rise."