

Happy Easter  
Looking For The Living

Luke 24:1-7

24 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. 5 In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? 6 He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 7 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' "

I. Easter is about defeating death...

A. Because Christ died for our sins...

1. We no longer have to live in fear of life's deaths.
  - a. The death that sin brings into our life.
    1. Sin kills our soul and self-worth...
    2. Sin kills our relationships with others...
    3. Sin kills our relationship with God...
2. Whatever brings fear and death into your life has been done away by Jesus Christ.
  - a. Whatever tomb you have been or are being held in has been opened.
    1. Can you imagine for a moment being locked inside a tomb?
      - a. No light, gasping for air, no way out...
3. If anything has you feeling like this...
  - a. Resurrection Power opened your tomb over 2000 years ago.

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They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,

4. It doesn't matter how large or how powerful you think the stone is...
  - a. The powers of heaven have rolled it back.

II. Easter is about Removing Fear...

A. The whole world is on a heightened sense of fearing death...

In Jesus you no longer have to live in that fear...

1 Corinthians 15:53-57 New International Version (NIV)

53 For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. 54 When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

55 "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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III. Easter is about "Looking For The Living"...

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While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. 5 In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, **"Why do you look for the living among the dead?"**

- A. There are basically two places to look for answers...
  - Look to the living...                      Look to the dead...
  - 1. If fear, doubt, insecurity, anger, frustration, paranoia, anxiety, stress, result in where you are looking...
    - a. Then you are looking to the dead...
- B. There is only one place to look for the truly living life...

John 11:25-26 (NIV)

[25] Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; [26] and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

- C. "Looking For The Living", is a daily journey.
  - 1. It's one Cindy and I have been on for many years...
  - 2. It's one maybe you are on...
  - 3. It's one you can start today...

Romans 10:8-11 (NIV)

[8] "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: [9] That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. [10] For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. [11] As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

III. Are you ready to celebrate Easter everyday and look for the Living God in everything you do?

Then Pray with me...