

1. This morning we celebrate not only the death, but more importantly the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.
2. It is a distinctive belief for us as Christians. No other God has claimed to have lived, died, and then rose to live again.
3. And what makes this belief in the resurrection of Jesus so powerful is that because Jesus is alive, he desires to have an active, lively, dynamic, full of life relationship with us.
4. **Our savior loves us.** He desires a love relationship with us.
5. We talked last week about some characteristics of Christ's love for us.
6. You may remember that Jesus showed his love for his disciples by humbling himself and becoming like a servant to wash his disciple's feet.
7. It was such a visual display of how much Jesus loved his disciples, and as a result all of us. That's right.
8. The Lord Jesus loves every person watching online today. There are probably people watching from all walks of life and from all depths of relationship with Jesus.
9. There maybe those who have no relationship whatsoever with Jesus Christ.
10. There are probably some who have just enough of God in their life to help appease the guilt they have about not going deeper.
11. Others today have trusted the Lord with parts of yourself and parts of your life, but you have not trusted him fully. There are still pieces of your heart that you are hiding from the Lord.
12. Then there are those who are all in. You are committed to the Lord Jesus Christ and you want to live for him and give your life completely over to Him.
13. That's the beauty of the love of Jesus. Our love for him is expressed in different ways, but his love for us is constant and true and faithful. It is consistently present in our lives.
14. Christ loves you.
15. How does he love you? He doesn't love you just until you make a mistake.
16. Jesus doesn't stop loving you just because you blew it, or you sinned? God isn't looking for a reason to dump you.
17. He knows you are going to fail, and he loves you anyway.
18. Secondly, Jesus doesn't just love us until the real us shows up.
19. One of the most beautiful things about Christ's love for us is that Jesus knew the real us beforehand. And he died for us anyway.
20. **Romans 5:8** But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
21. Jesus knew beforehand that we were sinners. Quite honestly, losers. Worthless. And yet he gave the most priceless thing he possessed; he gave his life.
22. Why would he do that?

23. Because Jesus' love is a never-ending love. You and I are never going to get to the end of God's love for us. **John 13:1** Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.
24. My first question when I read that was the end of what? The answer is the end of his existence here on earth. Jesus loved them till the very end, and he loves you to the very end.
25. And that love is shown in that not only did he die for you, but he also rose from the dead for you.
26. So, after Jesus washed the disciple's feet, he gave them some final instructions.
27. Then he went to the garden to pray. And his anguish and stress were so great that his sweat became like drops of blood.
28. Jesus is arrested in the garden, taken before the government officials, beaten, and sentenced to death.
29. So, they placed a heavy wooden cross on his shoulders, they make him carry the cross all the way up to the hill called Golgotha.
30. There he is nailed to a cross between two thieves.
31. And while he hung on the cross, beaten to beyond recognition, laughed at and mocked, his body literally shutting down because of the damage he had suffered, Luke captures the final words and moments of Jesus.
32. **Luke 23:46** Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.
33. Now, there is no scriptural evidence to back up the claims I am going to make.
34. We have no biblical proof of what happened in hell after Jesus life ended.
35. However, I don't think it is a stretch to imagine that in the depths of hell that Satan and all his demon hoards were rejoicing. They were happy.
36. They thought they had won. They had defeated the son of God, and as a result God himself.
37. Jesus' plan to seek and save the lost, was in and of itself a lost cause. Or so they thought.
38. That is until the third day.
39. Again, we will look to Luke for the description of what occurred on that third day.
40. **Luke 24:1-6** 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!
41. Now I don't want to diminish the event of the resurrection in any way. The resurrection of Jesus from the dead always has been and always will be one of the greatest miracles of all time.
42. Remember, no other god (little 'g') has ever claimed to live, die, and live again.
43. So, the resurrection of Jesus from the dead is a truth that set's Jesus apart from all others.

44. But it is not just the picture of an empty tomb that is exciting and something worth celebrating.
45. It is also what that empty tomb signifies.
46. If we go back to our imagination of what the scene must have been like in hell, I believe a good word to describe their elation was victory. Satan and all his demons thought they had won a tremendous victory.
47. But on the third day, when Jesus rose from the dead and was resurrected back to life, what is actually happening is Jesus is taking the victory back.
48. Jesus stole the victory that hell thought it had obtained.
49. We know that is true because it had been prophesied and foretold for centuries that Jesus would do exactly that. Isaiah, in looking ahead to what Jesus would do said this...
50. **Isaiah 25:6-8** On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine-- the best of meats and the finest of wines. **7** On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; **8** he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The LORD has spoken.
51. I love that description so much. Not only is Jesus going to prepare a great feast. After all, who doesn't like to eat? It says he will destroy the shroud that unfolds all peoples. What is that shroud? Verse eight says it is death.
52. It was foretold that Jesus would swallow up death forever.
53. You see death is the sign of victory to Satan. Death is what our enemy wants to bring to every one of our lives.
54. And if he can't kill us, he will do his best to make sure we either want to die, or can't enjoy what God has given us.
55. Our enemy wants eternal death for us. But Jesus wants eternal life for us. And that life is the sign of victory to Jesus and his children.
56. What did Jesus give us when he rose from the dead? He gave us victory over the death that would try and overtake our life.
57. That's why it says in **1 Corinthians 15:54-58** 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. **58** Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.
58. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus from the dead, our victory has been bought and paid for.
59. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus from the dead, death has been swallowed up in victory. And that victory is ours through Jesus Christ.
60. Jesus Christ is the key to our victory. In fact, Jesus Christ is the only key to our victory.

61. **John 14:6** Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
62. You see, the resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the proof that Jesus is who he says he is. And if Jesus Christ is who he says he is, then all of the promises that he gives us are valid and true.
63. And if Jesus is who he says he is, then who he is, is exactly what we need to experience victory.
64. Who does our Lord say he is? What follows are the names that our God and savior gave himself and calls himself.
- Elohim:** God of power and might.
- Yahweh:** The great I am.
- Abba:** Father/Daddy
- El Elyon:** God most High.
- El Roi:** The God who sees.
- El Shaddai:** God Almighty
- Yahweh Yireh:** The Lord will provide.
- Yahweh Nissi:** The Lord is my banner.
- Jehovah Rapha:** Healer.
- Yahweh Shalom:** The Lord is Peace.
65. Whenever you feel powerless; Elohim brings your victory because he is the all-powerful one.
66. Whenever you are discouraged by all the things you are not; Yahweh brings you victory by reminding you of all the things he is.
67. Whenever you feel abandoned; Abba brings your victory by reminding you he is your heavenly father. He is your daddy.
68. Whenever you feel the weight of the world on your shoulders; El Elyon brings you victory by reminding you he is the God who is over everything.
69. Whenever you feel all alone; El Roi brings you victory because he reminds you, he is the God who sees, and knows exactly where you are.
70. Whenever you feel too weak to carry on; El Shaddai brings you victory by reminding you that he is your strength and your might.
71. Whenever you feel discouraged because you are low on resources; Yahweh Yireh brings you victory by reminding you that your provision comes from him, and not the things of this world.
72. Whenever you feel exposed, as if there is no protection; Yahweh Nissi brings you victory by reminding you that His banner over you is love, and you are covered.
73. Whenever you feel discouraged because your body won't cooperate or is wracked with pain; Jehovah Rapha brings you victory by reminding you that He is the God who heals you.
74. Whenever fear and worry torment you in the middle of the night; Yahweh Shalom brings you victory by reminding you that God most high can give you a peace that passes all understanding.

## Conclusion:

1. I love the final song the worship team lead us in earlier.
2. The title of the song is Resurrecting.
3. The chorus repeats over and over...
4. Your name, your name  
Is victory  
All praise, will rise  
To Christ, our king
5. He is victory.
6. Do you need victory today?
7. Are you dead in sin? You can have life through Jesus Christ. Salvation call.  
Submit prayer request on website if you got saved.
8. Have worship team sing chorus.
9. Lord Jesus, I believe you are my victory.
10. Have people repeat after me the names of the Lord.  
**Elohim:** God of power and might.  
**Yahweh:** The great I am.  
**Abba:** Father/Daddy  
**EI Elyon:** God most High.  
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11. Closing prayer.