



## I. INTRO/REVIEW

A. Don't be afraid of a new day

**Matthew 28:1-4 (NLT) Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb.**

- Let this be the start of a “new day”, a new season or time in your life

**Matthew 28:5 – 6a (NLT) “Don't be afraid!” he said. “I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen...**

B. Just as He said would happen

**Romans 8:31-32 (NLT) <sup>31</sup> What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? <sup>32</sup> Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else?**

- **If God was willing to give the very best that he had – why would He withhold anything else?**

C. A new day reality

**Romans 8:11a (NLT) The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.**

- **The resurrection in us changes everything around us and in front of us**

## II. VICTORY IN JESUS

A. The fame of Jesus

**Luke 10:17-19 (NIV) <sup>17</sup> The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.” <sup>18</sup> He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. <sup>19</sup> I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.**

**Luke 10:20 (NIV) <sup>20</sup> However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”**

- **Jesus said that the greatest miracle isn't what happens on earth but that your name is written in the Lamb's book of life.**

- When the disciples faced earthly discouragement Jesus said



**John 14:1-2 (NLT)** “Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. <sup>2</sup> There is more than enough room in my Father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?

B. This truth seemed more precious to previous generations

### III. THE MIRACLE OF HEAVEN

A. The resurrection changes everything

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-14, 18 (NIV)** <sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.

- This is how the resurrection changes everything ... including our outlook
  - If you believe on Jesus then this earth is as close to hell as you’ll ever come. It only gets better from here.
  - If you haven’t believed on Jesus then this earth is as close to heaven as you’ll ever get. It only gets worse from here.

B. I thought that God loved everybody and Jesus died for all

- Hell isn’t a place that God sends bad people; it’s a place that people go to in order to pay for their sins – but the Good News is that you don’t have to

C. You can go there if you want and try to pay the price

**1 John 5:13 (ASV)** <sup>13</sup> These things have I written unto you, that ye may know that ye have eternal life, even unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God

- There is a difference in believing IN and ON Jesus
- Faith can seem risky – but it isn’t!