



I. MESSAGE INTRO

A. He is risen!

Matthew 28:1-6 (NLT) Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb. Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint. Then the angel spoke to the women. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying.

- The tomb wasn’t final, and the resurrection of Jesus was not the end—it was the beginning of something new.
- Can these bones live?

B. Ezekiel 37

Ezekiel 37:1-3 The Lord brought me to a valley; and it *was* full of bones. *there were very many and they were very dry...* Can these bones live?

- Can these bones live? Can God take dead things and make them live again?

C. God’s solution to dead things

Ezekiel 37:4-8 Speak to the bones, I’m going to make them breathe again. So, I spoke the words God gave me and suddenly there was a rattling noise and the bones of each body came together and attached to each other as they used to be, muscles and flesh and skin formed over the bones, but the bodies had no breath.

- The miracle happened after Ezekiel spoke the Words of God.
- We need The Word of God to bring order and structure for our lives.

Ezekiel 37:9 Speak to the wind, O spirit come, and breathe upon these slain bodies, that they may live again.

- God’s Word + God’s Spirit = Dead things coming to life.

D. This was our story also

- Like Ezekiel’s vision, bones that are scattered lifeless, no hope, no life, no future, nothing but death and destruction.
- What looked like the end was really just the beginning.



II. THE KINGDOM IS HERE

A. The story isn't finished

Ezekiel 37:10 (NLT) So I spoke to the winds as he commanded me, and the bodies began breathing; they lived and stood up—a very great army.

- The tomb is empty not because death was denied, but because death was defeated.

Colossians 1:13-14 (TLB) For he has rescued us out of the darkness and gloom of Satan's kingdom and brought us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, who bought our freedom with his blood and forgave us all our sins.

- Ezekiel 37 ends not with a man standing alone, but with an **army** rising in the valley.

B. Jesus launched a movement

- Jesus rose to raise a people for a purpose, it was a mobilization for a mission.

Matthew 16:18 (NLT) Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.

- Jesus didn't say hell wouldn't attack—He said it **won't win**.

Matthew 16:19 (NLT) And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven."

Matthew 16:19 (MSG) "And that's not all. You will have complete and free access to God's kingdom, keys to open any and every door: no more barriers between heaven and earth, earth and heaven. A yes on earth is yes in heaven. A no on earth is no in heaven."

C. Releasing heaven on earth

- The ministry of Jesus was a sign that the Kingdom of God was no longer some distant hope, but that Kingdom had broken through.
- The Kingdom has already come in Jesus—but we still live in a world where His rule is not fully seen or embraced.
- **So, we pray for what is already present to be made more visible, more powerful, and more complete.**
- Every time we pray, preach, serve, forgive, and heal—we **release heaven on earth**.

D. The resurrection isn't just history—it's our future