

## Embracing God's New Plan for Your Life Embracing a New Message (What Message Can You Hear?)

### Easter Sunday April 20, 2025

#### **Monthly Summary:**

- 1. God had a new message for leadership that was designed to teach them the importance of being humble and serving those around them. (John 13:1-17)
- 2. God had in mind a new <u>model</u> when he presented a humble Jesus, the King of Kings, riding on a donkey (Luke 19:34)
- 3. God had in mind a new <u>mission</u> that would lead to the salvation of man and the proclamation of his message around the world (Matthew 28:19-20)
- 4. God had in mind a new <u>method</u> of saving the world. He would allow men to decide to follow him after hearing a message (Matthew 28:19-20)

#### **Text: Matthew 28:19-20**

• 19 **Therefore go** and **make disciples** of **all nations, baptizing them** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and **teaching them** to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:19–20, NIV)

#### I. The Promise Before the Crucifixion and the Resurrection

**Statement:** Before the Resurrection of Christ, he made specific promises about their future. He knew the temptations they faced would be real. They would face a broken heart, a lack of direction, a sense that their future was gone, and a deep desire for guidance. He promises everything in John 14: 1-4.

- 1. My heart is safe because of Him (Let not your hearts be troubled)
- **2.** My accommodations are guaranteed (My Father's house has many rooms)
- 3. My future preparations are covered. (I go and prepare a place for you)
- **4.** My guide will always be with me (You know the way to the place...)
- Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. 2 My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take





you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 4 You know the way to the place where I am going." (John 14:1–4, NIV)

# II. The Fear Before the Crucifixion and the Resurrection "Then everyone deserted him and fled." (Mark 14:50, NIV)

- 1. Everyone is running (imagine eleven men running)
- 2. Everyone believes they can't protect themselves
- 3. Everyone is ignoring that this is an insult to God

Question: Can you hear God when you are confused or afraid?

## III. Four Questions for You to Consider During this Resurrection Seasons

- 1. Are you scared?
- **2.** Are you isolated?
- **3.** Are you intimidated?
- **4.** Are you hurting?

Conclusion: Four Things I have Learned

- 1. There are seasons when life feels like a crucifixion
- 2. There are seasons when I feel I am being resurrected
- 3. There are seasons when I feel stagnant and confused
- 4. There are seasons when life demands I find a new method (The old schedule, plan strategy, or approach will no longer work)

**Next Time: Embracing a New Method** 

