

Easter Sunday Message: “Uncancelled” – The Difference the Resurrection Makes

To start: Share something memorable from the Easter message

Point #1: The Resurrection is Real

- Jesus never put someone down for asking a genuine question. God can handle questions, doubts, and skeptics. The Resurrection is a pretty incredible and unique event. Do you ever wonder about some aspect of it?
- Think about this: many journalists, historians, professional investigators have started a pet project to disprove the historicity of the resurrection only to find themselves ending up as believers when they finish their task.

Point #2: Jesus’ Resurrection gives me true life

In Romans 8:1-2, Paul contrasts 2 laws: of “the Spirit,” and of “sin and death.”

- Describe how one law leads to death and the other to life?
- How are we set free from death?

In Romans 8:11, Paul says the one who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to our mortal bodies because of his Spirit within us.

- Discuss the ways that our mortal lives are different from the life God wants for us.

Point #3: New Life in Christ makes me a child of God

Romans 8:11 tells us that the Spirit we received from God makes us his children.

- When you think of yourself as a child of God, how does that change your perspective on yourself, on others, and on your choices and motivations?

- Calling God “Abba, Father” is like calling him “Dad/Daddy.” Try doing this. How does this little word change the way you think and feel about your relationship with God?

Point #4: My Heavenly Father is always looking out for me

Romans 8:28 tells us that “in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” That means that he is always watching, always cares, is always working and always has our blessing in mind.

- What does it look like to trust God in every situation, especially when we are anxious, doubtful, and can’t see any positive in the current moment?

Romans 8:29 tells us God desires for us “to be conformed to the image of his Son.”

- How have you seen God take a difficult life situation and help you grow stronger, wiser, more merciful, more patient, or more like Christ because of it?
- Why is becoming like Jesus the most important goal in life?

Point #5: God’s love is stronger than any circumstance

Romans 8:33 asks, “Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen?” then answers, “No one!” Paul goes on to tell us that Christ is interceding for us. That’s incredible!

- How is God’s love more powerful than any charge or accusation that someone might throw against us? Why isn’t God influenced by the opinions of people about others?
- What do you think of the saying: “Nothing you do can make God love you more, and nothing you can do will make him love you less”?
- Read Romans 8:38-39 – what do we sometimes imagine could separate us from God’s love? Why is that impossible? Thank God for his unconditional love in Jesus!