



Monday, April 6th

Matthew 28:5-6

The women came to the tomb carrying grief, not certainty. Their love for Jesus was real, but their expectations were small because loss has a way of shrinking what we believe is possible. Yet the first Easter announcement did not begin with a strategy for moving forward; it began with a fact: Jesus is risen. Resurrection meets us not after we “get over it,” but right in the middle of trembling hearts and tear-stained mornings.

The empty tomb teaches that Christian hope is not denial of pain; it is God’s interruption of death’s finality. When the world says, “This is how it ends,” God speaks a different word. Let the resurrection reframe your story today: your sorrow is seen, your love is honored, and your future is not sealed by what happened to you. Because Christ lives, despair does not get the last sentence.

Easter joy is not a shallow celebration; it is deep confidence that the grave is not the ultimate authority. The women expected a closed tomb; they found an open future. As you begin this week, bring your honest grief and your honest questions to the risen Jesus, trusting that his victory is strong enough to hold your weakness.

Have a great week!

Tuesday, April 7th

Matthew 27:66

Rome sealed the tomb to claim control, to declare that death and empire had the final word. A seal is more than a barrier; it is a message: “You don’t have access here. You don’t belong here. Don’t challenge this authority.” In many forms, the world still uses seals—systems, lies, and pressures that try to lock people inside despair and lock communities out of justice and mercy.

Pastor Chris reminds us that the women had no power to break that seal. That matters because it means our hope does not rest on human strength or ideal circumstances. God confronted the powers that bring death with a public, unmistakable act. What looked permanent was exposed as fragile under the hand of the living God.

Today, ask where death-dealing powers try to claim your imagination: fear, shame, addiction, cynicism, dehumanizing ideologies, or policies that treat people as disposable. Resurrection hope begins by recognizing the seal for what it is—a counterfeit authority. Christ’s lordship means no earthly power gets to claim ultimate ownership over your life or your neighbor’s life.

Wednesday, April 8th

Matthew 28:2

The ground shook, thunder sounded, and the stone cracked. God's power was not subtle that morning. The resurrection was not merely a private comfort for the grieving; it was a cosmic announcement that God is making all things new. When the earth trembles, it signals that something foundational has shifted: death's infrastructure is being dismantled.

Pastor Chris highlights that the resurrection also condemns the powers that bring death. God not only raised Jesus; he publicly shamed oppressive authority and broke what it claimed to control. That means the church's Easter proclamation is never just "I will be okay someday," but also "death and oppression are doomed even now." Christian hope has a spine; it speaks against what destroys life.

Let the shaking of Easter shake you awake. If Christ is risen, then resignation is not faithfulness. Hope is not passivity; it is a Spirit-empowered refusal to accept death-dealing realities as normal. Ask God to make your worship inside the church become courage outside the church, so that your life becomes a living witness that the tomb is empty and the old powers are on borrowed time.

Thursday, April 9th

Revelations 21:4

The promise of the world to come is real: God will wipe away tears, and sorrow and pain will not have the final home. That future is not escapism; it is God's guarantee that death will be fully undone. Pastor Chris insists we must not look away from this world, even when it is hard to look, because resurrection hope is meant to carry us through trials, not help us avoid them.

Stories like Nalia's expose how cruel and complicated life can be, and how quickly a society can rationalize surrender to death. Resurrection hope compels us to say: every life matters in this world, not only in the next. The risen Christ forms a people who refuse to abandon the suffering, who bear witness that there is a reason to live, a reason to endure, and a community that will not turn away.

The hope of heaven becomes strength for today when it moves us toward presence. Instead of retreating into spiritual slogans, we learn to sit with pain, to speak with dignity, and to offer practical help. God's future is coming, so we can face today's darkness without flinching—and without surrendering anyone to it.

Friday, April 10th

2 Corinthians 5:20

Easter sends us out. Sunday's message is clear: worship and triumph in here, then get to work out there. The risen Jesus is reigning, and his people are invited into a kind of victory march, not a parade of arrogance, but a procession of mercy, truth, and courageous love. We don't announce ourselves; we announce the King who defeated death.

To be Christ's ambassadors means we represent his life-giving kingdom in places where death tries to dominate: homes strained by conflict, workplaces shaped by injustice, hearts trapped in shame, communities numb to suffering. Ambassadors don't bring their own authority; they carry the message and character of the one who sent them. Because the tomb is empty, you can speak hope with integrity and confront harm with humility and firmness.

Today, let your faith become visible. People need to see not only that Jesus is alive, but that the powers that bring death are not ultimate. Your steady endurance, your refusal to dehumanize others, your willingness to stand with the vulnerable, and your insistence on truth and compassion are all ways of showing the broken seal. Christ is risen, and his resurrection is strength for today.

Sunday's Coming!