**Jesus The Risen Christ**

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**Matthew 28:1-6**

**Sunday Morning**

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1 Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. 2 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it.

3 His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. 4 And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men. 5 But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

Saints, the resurrection of Our Jesus Christ is the celebration of the greatest message ever delivered. What first appeared to be a defeat turned out to be the accomplishment of an amazing mission by Jesus Christ, who overcame death and lives forevermore!

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**What was Jesus’ mission?**

The Son of God left heaven to come to earth to accomplish all that the Father had given Him to do.

**1. Jesus came to Reveal the Father**

Saints, in the Old Testament there are glimpses of the heavenly Father, but when the Son of God appeared in human flesh, mankind was given a much greater degree of revelation.

Jesus made some startling claims about His relationship to the Father.

**John 8:19**

“If you knew Me, you would know My Father also”

**John 10:30**

“I and the Father are one”

**John 14:11**

“I am in the Father and the Father is in Me”

**2. Jesus came to Redeem Fallen Mankind**

Saints, because humanity is sinful, we need a Savior. Otherwise, we will die in our sins and face condemnation. Jesus came to rescue us:

**Luke 19:10**

“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost”

**3. He came to Revive the Faltering hope of those who were looking for the Messiah**

Saints, hundreds of years had passed since Isaiah prophesied of the coming Messiah.

**Isaiah 9:6**

“For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Saints, when John the Baptist introduced Jesus as the long awaited Messiah, Andrew believed and told his brother Peter,

**John 1:41**

“We have found the Messiah”

Their hope was restored.

**4. He came to Offer His life as a Sacrifice on the Cross for our Sins**

**1 Peter 2:24**

“He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness, for by His wounds you were healed”

Saints, Jesus’ death provided the redemption that accomplished salvation for us.

**5. He came to introduce us to the Power of the Holy Spirit**

There are references to God’s Spirit in the Old Testament, but Jesus unveiled much more about Him to His disciples:

**John 14:16-17**

16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—

17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

Saints, the presence of the Holy Spirit within a person differentiates between the saved and unsaved. As believers we are sealed with the Holy Spirit who teaches, guides, and empowers us to live a godly life.

**6. He came to show us how to Love and Forgive one Another**

Saints, although He taught these lessons in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus’ greatest instruction was accomplished on the cross. Because He loved us, He willingly laid down His life for us.

In the same way, He was the perfect example of forgiveness when He forgave those who crucified Him. When we consider how great His forgiveness is toward us, we have no right to hold anything against someone else.

**Matthew 6:14-15**

14 "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

**7. He came to leave us Truths and teachings to Transform our Lives and Prepare us to meet Him in the Future**

Saints, although we have never seen Jesus physically, one day we will see Him in all His glory. But for now Jesus’ mission is to prepare us to live holy lives in a sinful, unforgiving world. Jesus said,

**John 14:27**

“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful”

**8. He Came to Teach Us How to Pray**

Saints, Prayer was an essential part of Jesus’ life:

**Mark 1:35**

“In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there”

Saints, although His time of ministry was only three years, He always took time to pray and receive the Father’s guidance. Having observed how Jesus prayed, His disciples asked Him to teach them to pray as well.

**Luke 11:1**

“Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples."

Saints, we should always set aside time to give God our full attention as we bring our concerns to Him in prayer. Without prayer, we have no power to live as He desires.

**9. He came to give us Assurance of Life after Death**

Saints, after Lazarus died, Jesus assured Mary and Martha,

**John 11:25**

“I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies”

Saints, we have this same promise that death will not end our existence, nor that of our believing loved ones. Jesus provided eternal life for us with His death and resurrection!

**10. He Came to Assure us that Heaven is our Home**

**John 14:1-2**

1 “Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you”

**11. He Came to Prepare us to live in a Way that Influences Others**

Saints, Jesus trained twelve men who would eventually impact the world. Today this same process is happening as others see our lives and hear the gospel. The message of salvation that we heard came through a long line of people who were faithful to share the gospel with others.

**12. He Came to Establish the Church**

**Matthew 16:18**

“Upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.”

Saints, the rock on which the church is built is the truth of God’s Word and the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Despite persecution, trials, and suffering, He has accomplished His mission of building the church that endures through generations.

Even the death of the saints cannot destroy it as multitudes continue to be saved.

**13. He Came to get us Ready for His 2nd Coming**

**Matthew 24:29-44**

29 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

32 "Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. 33 So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near--at the doors! 34 Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.

35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. 36 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. 37 But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

38 For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39 and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 40 Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left.

41 Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. 42 Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. 43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. 44 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Saints, that’s why we must always be ready to meet Him. Jesus had a mission, and He couldn’t be stopped. In the three short years of His ministry, He accomplished all that God had given Him to do and prepared His people for both life and death.

**1. Have you received the salvation Jesus made possible?**

**2. If not, what is keeping you from trusting in Him?**

**3. If you have been saved, are you living in the benefits He provided for you?**

**4. How have His teachings and truths transformed your life?**

**5. How do they give you assurance and hope in the future and in death?**

**Soon and Very soon, Jesus is about to appear, we are almost out of here!**

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

**1 Corinthians 15:50-54**

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed-- 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

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**Acts 2:38-39**

38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

**Let’s Pray!**

**Benediction**

**"May The LORD bless you and keep you, May The LORD make His face shine upon you, May The LORD be gracious to you, May The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you His (Shalom) peace.”**