



(SLIDE #1) EASTER 2019 -- FROM DEATH TO LIFE!

(JESUS AND SINNERS!)

Introduction:

- A. **(Slide #2)** Today: Easter Sunday 2019!
 - 1. Welcome to family and friends who are visiting in our assembly today.
 - 2. Welcome to those on Live Stream.

- B. Today's Sermon: From Death To Life!

I. (Slide #3) Jesus -- From Death To Life -- Truths About Resurrection!

- A. **(Slide #4)** From Despair To Elation!
 - 1. On Friday, Jesus was arrested, tried, scourged, and Crucified.
 - a. Those events are SO HARD for us to personally comprehend and feel!
 - b. Imagine being sinless and being so hated, so mistreated, and so castigated!
 - 2. His bruised, beaten, broken body was nailed to the Cross!
 - 3. Then His Body was buried in a never-before-used tomb owned by Joseph of Arimathea. Mt. 27:57-60; Mk. 15:43-46; Lk. 23:50-53; Jn. 19:38-42
 - 4. **(Slide #5)** On Sunday morning the tomb was empty -- HE IS RISEN! Mt. 28:5,6 "But the angel answered and said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 'He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.'"

- B. **(Slide #6)** Resurrection Had Been Promised!
 - 1. Ps. 16:10 "For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption."
 - a. David, as a "type" of the prophesied Messiah, knew that if his enemies killed him, God would resurrect him!
 - b. The REAL focus of David's statement was the Coming Messiah, Jesus the "antitype" -- the spiritual focus and reality of the prophecy!
 - 2. The sign of Jonah included the Resurrection!

- a. Jesus gave the scribes and Pharisees the only sign He would give them - the sign of Jonah! Mt. 12:40 “For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.”
- b. Later he gave the Pharisees and Sadducees the same sign. Mt. 16:4 ““A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.’ And He left them and departed.”
3. Jesus continually taught His Apostles that He would suffer, die, and be resurrected! Mt. 16:21; 17:12,23; 20:19; Mk. 8:31; 9:31; Lk. 9:22; 17:25

C. (►) God, The Father Raised Him!

1. The Jews killed Him; the Father raised Him! Ac. 2:23,24 “Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, **you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death;** ²⁴**whom God raised up**, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.”
2. Ac. 2:32 “This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses.”
3. Ac. 3:14,15 “But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and killed **the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead**, of which we are witnesses.”
4. Ac. 4:10 “let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole.”
5. Ac. 5:30 “**The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree.**”
6. Ac. 10:39,40 “And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom **they killed by hanging on a tree.** ⁴⁰**Him God raised up on the third day**, and showed Him openly,”
7. Ac. 13:29-34 “Now when they had fulfilled all that was written concerning Him, they took *Him* down from the tree and laid *Him* in a tomb. ³⁰But God raised Him from the dead. ³¹He was seen for many days by those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are His witnesses to the people. ³²And we declare to you glad tidings--that promise which was made to the fathers. ³³God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: ‘*You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.*’ ³⁴And that He raised Him from the dead, no

more to return to corruption, He has spoken thus: *'I will give you the sure mercies of David.'*”

8. Ac. 17:31 “because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”
9. Rom. 6:4 “Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that **just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father**, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”
10. I Cor. 6:14 “And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.”
11. II Cor. 4:14 “knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present *us* with you.”
12. Gal. 1:1 “Paul, an apostle (not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised Him from the dead),”
13. Eph. 1:19,20 “and what *is* the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, **according to the working of His mighty power** ²⁰**which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,**”
14. I Thess. 1:10 “and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *even* Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.”
15. Heb. 13:20 “Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,”
16. I Pet. 1:3 “Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,”
17. I Pet. 1:21 “who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.”

D. (►) Resurrection Was Observable!

1. Mt. 27:51-54 “Then, behold, the **veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom**; and **the earth quaked**, and **the rocks were split**, ⁵²and the **graves were opened**; and many **bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised**; ⁵³and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they **went into the holy city and appeared to many**. ⁵⁴So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the

things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, **‘Truly this was the Son of God!’**”

2. Mt. 28:5-7 “But the angel answered and said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. ⁷And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and **indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.**”
3. Ac. 2:32 **“This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses.”**
4. Ac. 3:14,15 “But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses.”
5. Ac. 5:30-32 “The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree. ³¹Him God has exalted to His right hand *to be* Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are His witnesses to these things, and *so also is* the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him.”
6. Ac. 10:39,40 “And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree. ⁴⁰Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly,”
7. Ac. 13:29-34 “Now when they had fulfilled all that was written concerning Him, they took *Him* down from the tree and laid *Him* in a tomb. ³⁰But God raised Him from the dead. ³¹**He was seen for many days by those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are His witnesses to the people.** ³²And we declare to you glad tidings--that promise which was made to the fathers. ³³God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: *‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.’* ³⁴And that He raised Him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, He has spoken thus: *‘I will give you the sure mercies of David.’*”
8. I Cor. 15:3-8 “For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. ⁶After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. ⁷After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. ⁸Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.”

- E. (▶) Resurrection Exhibited Infallible Proofs Of Resurrected Life.
1. Ac. 1:3 **“to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.”**
 2. Ac. 2:32 “This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses.”
 3. Ac. 4:33 “And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.”
 4. I Cor. 15:3-8 “For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that **He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. ⁶After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. ⁷After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. ⁸Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.”**
- F. (Slide #7) Because of His Resurrection:
1. He is proven to be the Son of God!
 - a. Rom. 1:4 *“and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.”*
 - b. His conception and Virgin Birth were vital, yet not empirically known by mankind; His resurrection is verifiable proof to the world that He TRULY IS “The Son Of God!”
 2. (▶) He is the sinner’s Savior!
 - a. Mt. 1:21 “And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.”
 - b. I Pet. 1:21 “who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.”
 3. (▶) He has provided justification!
 - a. Rom. 4:24,25 “but also for us. It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.”
 - b. Rom. 3:25 “whom God set forth *as* a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed,”

4. **(Slide #8)** He is the Ascended Lord!
 - a. Lk. 24:51 “Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven.”
 - b. Ac. 1:9 “Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.”

5. **(►)** He will be the Judge of all men!
 - a. Ac. 17:31 Paul told the Athenians: “because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”
 - b. II Tim. 4:1 “I charge *you* therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom:”

6. **(►)** All the dead will be raised!
 - a. Jn. 5:28,29 “Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice ²⁹and come forth--those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.”
 - b. I Thess. 4:14 “For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.”

II. **(Slide #9)** From Death To Life -- Truths About Baptism!

A. **(Slide #10)** From Despair To Elation!

1. **(Slide #11)** Sin can make life feel SO dark, SO bleak!
 - a. Ac. 2:37 “Now when they heard *this*, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, ‘Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?’”
 1. The people who hated Jesus and wanted Him dead had shouted, “Crucify Him; Crucify Him!” weeks earlier.
 2. Now Peter and the Apostles convict them that they have killed the Son of God!
 3. They were convicted of the horror of the their sin.

2. **(Slide #12)** Rom. 6:3-5 “Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness of His* resurrection,”

3. Ac. 8:39 “Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing.”

- B. (▶) Resurrection Is Promised!
1. Mk. 16:16 “He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.”
 2. Ac. 2:38 “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.’”
- C. (▶) God The Father Raises The Sinner To New Life!
1. Eph. 1:19,20 “and what *is* the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power ²⁰which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly *places*,”
 2. Eph. 2:1-6 “And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, ²in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, ³among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus,”
 3. I Cor. 6:14 “And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.”
 4. Col. 2:11,12 “In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with *Him* through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.”
- D. (▶) Resurrection Is Observable!
1. Rom. 6:12,13 “Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. ¹³And do not present your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness to God.”
 2. Ac. 22:16 “And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”

3. Look at Paul's (Saul of Tarsus') life! From a terrorist against Christ and the Church, to a remorseful penitent, to being one who was baptized in order to be saved by the Blood of Christ, to a power proclaimer of Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God.

E. (▶) Resurrection Exhibits Infallible Proofs Of Resurrected Life.

1. (Slide #13) The page is turned -- buried in death; raised to new life!
2. II Cor. 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."
3. Rom. 6:4 "Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."
4. Col. 3:1,2 "If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. ²Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth."
5. Col. 3:5 "Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry."
6. Col. 3:8-10 "But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, ¹⁰and have put on the new *man* who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,"

F. (Slide #14) Resurrection Provides:

1. (▶) Salvation! Mk. 16:16; I Pet. 3:21
2. (▶) Eternal Life! Jn. 3:16; Rom. 6:23; I Jn. 2:25
3. (▶) Hope!
 - a. I Pet. 1:3 "Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,"
 - b. Tit. 3:7 "that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

(Slide #15) Conclusion:

- A. Newness Of Life Is Awesome!

- B. **(Slide #16)** On Easter Sunday, Most Religious People Focus Upon Jesus -- From Death To Life! What An Awesome, Supernatural Event! What A Savior!

- C. **(Slide #17)** Tragically, On Easter Sunday, Most Religious People Do Not Comprehend The Truth About Baptism -- From Death To Life! It Is The Water Of Life!

- D. **(Slide #18)** If You Believe In And Long For The Blessings Of The Savior, You Must Come In Faith, Repent Of Your Sins, Confess That Jesus IS The Christ, The Son Of God, And Be Baptized To Be Saved By His Powerful, Saving Blood! The Cleansing Power Of Baptism? The Powerful Blood Of Jesus -- “There Is Power In The Blood!”