



Easter Sunday

Risen

Our Risen King

Matthew 28:1-10

Three months ago, we celebrated the birth of Jesus. Today we are here to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, 33 years after his birth in Bethlehem. What connects the celebration we had in December, to the one we are having today?

A. HOPE [I Peter 1:3]

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living *hope* through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, . . .

B. LOVE [Romans 8:38-39]

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the *love of God* in Christ Jesus our Lord.

C. JOY [Colossians 1:10-12]

. . . walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with *joy*; ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

D. PEACE [Philippians 4:6-7]

. . . do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the *peace* of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Discussion Questions

- [1] What are some of the ways you celebrate Easter? [LCSB]
- [2] Read Matthew 28:1-10. What do we learn from the women's response to the angel's news? Do you remember the day you gave your life to Christ? Share about a time when you told someone about your relationship with Jesus.
- [3] Of the four promises of Advent found in Jesus [Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace], which one has encouraged you the most today?
- [4] Read Titus 2:11-14. Pray thanking God for the promises of Advent found in God's Son, Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior!

Matthew 28:1-10 Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went 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 and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." ⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

The Path to Making Christ Lord of Your Life

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. **John 3:16**

[1] Admit that you are a sinner and repent

For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

Romans 3:23

[2] Believe in Jesus as Your Lord and Savior

What do I need to believe? That Jesus was born of a virgin [Mary], lived a perfect life, died on the cross, was buried and rose from the dead three days later, and is now preparing a place so we can spend eternity with Him.

[3] Choose Jesus to be Your Lord and Savior

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. **Romans 10:9-10**

If you do not know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and want a relationship with Him starting today, please do not hesitate to pray and ask Him to be your Savior. If you decide to make Jesus Lord of your life or have questions you need answered - please contact the church at 610-432-3414, so we can encourage you and answer any questions you may have.