

Happy Resurrection Day!

Message Summary: The resurrection of Jesus Christ addresses our fear of death, our hope for the future and confidence to move forward and live in relationship with God. Let this Easter be a point of reference to remind you of the reason, the ransom, the restored relationship, and the future residence. Tell people that the empty tomb makes for a full life. Jesus said, *“Rejoice! . . . Do not be afraid. . .”* Matthew 28:9.

Our Need for Easter

1. Easter reminds us of the reason - Romans 5:12

- Where did the problem start?
- What were the consequences?

2. Easter reminds us of God’s ransom - Mark 10:45

- Justice requires a punishment.
- Jesus’ death on the cross was the ransom for our sin.
- The resurrection was the proof.

3. Easter reminds us of a restored relationship - 1 Corinthians 1:9

- We are invited into an relational experience.
- We are invited to accept Jesus and His ransom.
- We are invited to follow Jesus in this life.

4. Easter reminds us of our future residence - John 14:1-3

- We have an eternity to look forward to.
- We have relationships to look forward to.

All LifeGroups are on Spring Break until April 17th

APPLY - What did God reveal to you in the sermon? How will you apply this new understanding to your life?