

Easter In an Age of Uncertainty

Text; Matthew 28:1-10

Life as we are living it today has temporarily changed Even though the world has changed, Easter hasn't.

Jesus Christ is Lord. He has power over d_____ ; he has power over s_____ ; he has power to make a difference in your life. Jesus Christ is Lord.

In the study of the Bible---The first and last words of Jesus and the apostles are very significant to our Christian lives.

These are the first words the resurrected Christ spoke.

V10 "Do not be a_____ ."

The defining impetus, the defining moment of our lives is not the events of this world. The defining moment of our lives is Easter Sunday----the r_____ of Jesus Christ.

In living out the significance of Easter, there are three things we all need to do.

#1. Stand Up to Your F_____

Fear affects us physiologically And yet, Jesus says, "*Do not be afraid.*" -----*as if it's a simple matter of choice*, and here's why.

Jesus is not referring to our emotions as much as he is referring to our t_____ and actions.

In any fearful situation, the way to get over the paralysis of fear is to turn the situation over to God and then t_____ him with it.

Because of the resurrection we don't have to fear. The resurrection tells us that Jesus Christ is Lord of all; if he can conquer death, he can conquer anything.

**We can stand up to our fears by thinking “faith” and acting “faith.” ----
-Let’s practice faith every day.**

**#2. Focus on Your M_____ Ref: Matthew 28:19,20;
Mark 16:15;Luke 24:27;John 20:21**

**The best solution to the world problems is to introduce every tribe,
every nation, and every soul on the planet to the Lord Jesus. He
wants us to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with them all.**

In Jesus we find u_____, p_____, and common p_____.

#3. Rely on His P_____

This is our promise:

Give your life to Jesus Christ, and he will turn it around.

Give your heart to him, and he will fill it with his presence.

Give your burdens to him and he will bear them for you.

**Confess your sins to him, and he will forgive you, absolutely and
completely.**

**Give him your sorrow, your fear, your broken dreams, your worries,
and he will replace them with joy and peace and love and fulfillment.**

**Without the promises of Jesus, the c_____ doesn’t have much
to offer the world-----if anything at all.**

**We live by the promises of God. He is our hope. Without him, we can
do nothing.**