

Easter

**DON'T BE AFRAID -
GOD'S NOT DEAD!**

S E R M O N R E S O U R C E

OUR LITURGY

"He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!"

Imagine how the early church greeted one another with these words. How do you feel greeting each other with these words?

REVIEW

— 30 MINUTES

The resurrection of Jesus is not just a historical claim—it's a life-altering reality. If it's true, it changes everything: our fear, our hope, our purpose, and our calling.

Read Matthew 28:1-10

- What stands out to you in this passage?
- What emotions do the women experience? Why do you think both fear and joy are present?
- What are the three main instructions given in this passage?

"Don't be afraid. God is not dead. Remember what I told you. Go and tell."

Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-15

- According to this passage, what is at stake if the resurrection didn't happen?
- Why does the resurrection matter so much?
- "Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance, the only thing it cannot be is moderately important."
- — C.S. Lewis
- Do you agree with that idea? Why or why not?

Faith and Evidence

The message talked about apologists like Josh McDowell and Lee Strobel who investigated the resurrection.

- What role do you think evidence plays in faith?
- Is belief in the resurrection purely intellectual, or something more?



- The message referenced C. S. Lewis and his argument that Jesus is either Lord, liar, or lunatic.
- Why is it difficult to view Jesus as “just a good teacher”?
- Where do you personally land on who Jesus is—and why?

Living in Resurrection Power

Read:

- 1 Corinthians 15:12–15
- Romans 10:9–10
- Ephesians 1:18–20
- What does it mean that the same power that raised Jesus is at work in you?
- Where in your life do you need resurrection—hope, healing, or new life?
- Where do I need to risk hoping again?
- What “dead” area of my life might I invite God want to bring back to life?

Because Jesus is risen:

- * Fear doesn’t win
- * Death isn’t the end
- * Hope is alive
- * Your story isn’t finished

APPLICATION

– 30 MINUTES

1. Don’t Be Afraid”

- * Where do fear and uncertainty show up in your life right now?
- * How would truly believing *”God is alive and for me”* change your response?

2. “Remember What I Told You”

- * What are some truths about God that you tend to forget?
- * What helps you remember them in daily life?



3. "Go and Tell"

- * Who in your life might need to hear your story or experience with God?
- * What holds you back from sharing your faith?

Pray for:

- * Courage to believe
- * Freedom from fear
- * Fresh hope in difficult areas
- * Boldness to "go and tell"

GOING DEEPER

— 7 MINUTES

Watch [THIS](#) five-minute video by historian and apologist Wesley Huff about the empty tomb

