**Series: Simple Easter**

**Today: Christ is Risen for You**

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**IMAGE OF NOTRE DAME BURNING FROM WEDNESDAY NITE**

***Mark 16:1-9***

*When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus’ body. 2Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb 3and they asked each other, “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?”*

*4But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. 5As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.*

*6“Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. 7But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’”*

*8Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid*

**The Resurrection …**

1. **Validates Jesus as Lord and Savior**

***Acts 26:25-29***

*“What I am saying is true and reasonable. 26The king is familiar with these things, and I can speak freely to him. I am convinced that none of this has escaped his notice, because it was not done in a corner. 27King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know you do.”*

*28Then Agrippa said to Paul, “Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?”*

*29Paul replied, “Short time or long—I pray to God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am, except for these chains.”*

1. **Energizes the Church**

***Revelation 19:6-8***

*6Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting:*

*“Hallelujah!
    For our Lord God Almighty reigns.
7Let us rejoice and be glad
    and give him glory!
For the wedding of the Lamb has come,
    and his bride has made herself ready.
8Fine linen, bright and clean,
    was given her to wear.”*

*(Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God’s holy people.)*

1. **Verifies Hope**

***Hebrews 9:27-28***

*27Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, 28so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.*

***Revelation 21:3-5***

*3And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’[*[*b*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Revelation+21&version=NIV#fen-NIV-31058b)*] or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”*

*5He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!”*

1. **Pictures New Life**

***Romans 6:4***

*We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.*