

APRIL 14-20

MONDAY 4/14

EXODUS 12:1-14

The Passover was God's powerful deliverance of his people from slavery in Egypt. The blood of the lamb, spread on the doorposts, marked households that would be spared from judgment. This event foreshadowed the greater deliverance through Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. By his sacrificial death and resurrection, he rescues us from sin and death. Just as Israel was told to remember the Passover (and Jewish people do to this day), we remember Christ's sacrifice and resurrection each time we gather to worship. His resurrection is our new beginning – freedom not just from physical bondage but from the chains of sin.

1. How does the symbolism of the sacrificial lamb from the Passover story speak to you about the purpose of Jesus' death?

2. In what ways has Jesus delivered you from bondage (slavery) and how do you live in that freedom?

ISAIAH 25:1-9

The prophet Isaiah looks forward to a glorious future when God will destroy death forever and wipe away every tear. This promise finds its fulfillment in the resurrection of Jesus, who has defeated death once and for all. Because he rose, we have the sure hope that death will not be the end for us. We await the day when this hope becomes visible reality – when sorrow, pain, and death are no more. Until then, we trust in the Lord who has proven faithful, even over the grave.

- 1. What evidence in your life can you point to that demonstrates God's faithfulness?
- 2. Who in your life needs the hope of the resurrection today and how can you share it with them?

WEDNESDAY 4/16

ROMANS 6:1-10

Paul teaches that just as Christ died and rose again, we who believe in him are united with Jesus in his death and resurrection. This means we are no longer slaves to sin – we have died to the old way of life and are raised to walk in newness of life. Jesus' resurrection is not just a historical event; it changes how we live today. We have been given power, by grace, to live differently – to live for God. Resurrection life begins now as we daily die to sin and live to righteousness in Christ.

- 1. What does it mean to you to be united with Christ in his death and resurrection? How does this impact your daily life?
- 2. What are some specific ways you can walk in the newness of life in the coming days?

REVELATION 1:9-18

When the risen Christ appears to John, He declares, "I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever!" This is no longer the suffering servant, but the glorified, reigning Lord. Jesus' resurrection was not temporary — he lives forever, and he holds authority over death and the grave. In a world filled with uncertainty, fear, and suffering, Jesus' words, "Do not be afraid," carry eternal weight. Because he lives, we can face each day with boldness and confidence, knowing our future is secure in Chirst.

- 1. What are some fears you are carrying today and how can Jesus' resurrection speak directly to them?
- 2. What does it mean to you that Jesus is "the Living One"? How does this truth shape your relationship with Jesus?

FRIDAY 4/18

PSALM 16

This psalm is a song of confidence in God's protection, guidance, and eternal hope. David speaks prophetically of the resurrection: "You will not abandon me to the realm of the dead." This was fulfilled in Jesus, who did not see decay but rose from the grave. Because of his resurrection, we too are promised life beyond death and the "fullness of joy" in God's presence. The risen Christ is our unshakable foundation, our eternal inheritance, and the path of life that leads to everlasting delight.

- 1. How do you live your life so that you "set the Lord always before you"?
- 2. How has God set a "path of life" before you? What does that mean to you?

LUKE 24:1-12

The women who went to Jesus' tomb expected to find death, but instead found an empty tomb and a message of life: "He is not here; he has risen!" This turning point in history challenges every assumption about power, death, and hope. The resurrection of Jesus is not just news to be heard – it is news that demands a response. Like the women and the disciples, we are called to wonder, to believe, and to go tell others. Even when others are skeptical, the risen Jesus calls each of us to faith and witness.

1.	What expectations or assumptions might keep you from seeing
	how Jesus is at work in your life?

2.	What part of the resurrection story fills you with the most wonder
	or hope and how does this shape your everyday life?

Verse for the week:

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!"

(Luke 24:6b-7a)

SERMON NOTES