



**Series:** Easter Sunday 2023

**Sermon:** Freedom

**Date:** Sunday, April 9th, 2023

*Scripture referenced in today's message: John 19:31, John 19:33-34, Mark 15:44, Matthew 27:60-66*

The movement was over when a large stone was rolled over His tomb.

But \_\_\_\_\_ wasn't done.

*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. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. "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. But go, tell His disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you.'" (Mark 16:1-7)*

### **The Angel Told The Women At The Tomb:**

**1. Do not be alarmed or \_\_\_\_\_**

**2. He is \_\_\_\_\_ here**

**3. Come and \_\_\_\_\_**

**4. Go quickly and \_\_\_\_\_**

*"For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, He appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time... Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all He appeared to me also..." (1 Corinthians 15:3-8)*



*“Because you have seen Me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” (John 20:29)*

Jesus came to set us \_\_\_\_\_.

*“How can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead...For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a Man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.”  
(1 Corinthians 15:12-14, 17, 20-22)*

**Credibility of Jesus’ Resurrection** (Benjamin C.F. Shaw)

1. Death by crucifixion was not something that the followers of Jesus were likely to invent
2. The burial account fits with all historical evidence
3. The empty tomb was easily verifiable (there are no contradictory accounts)
4. The apostles claim to have met the resurrected Jesus face-to-face
5. These apostles were willing to suffer and die for these claims
6. Those who were very unlikely to be converted to this belief were converted by means of personal experiences of the resurrected Christ

Jesus conquering death, reminds us that He is absolutely sovereign over \_\_\_\_\_, including all of life and all of death.

**Bottom Line:** *Jesus came to set us free.*

**Questions to reflect on this week or with others:**

1. Where do you stand with Jesus and such a historical event like the resurrection? A nice story? Probable? Believable?
2. If all this talk of the resurrection is false then we just wasted your time, but if it is true, then what does the resurrection mean for your life, for your sins, and for your eternity?
3. What questions do you need answered so you can take one step closer to trusting Jesus even more with your life?

*Songs used in service: Awakens (Phil Wickham), Death Was Arrested (North Point), Forever (Kari Jobe), This Is Our God (Phil Wickham), Good Lord (David Leonard), God So Loved (We The Kingdom)*

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**Any prayer requests?**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email (so we can follow up):** \_\_\_\_\_

**What can we be praying for you about?**