

# Lord

Happy Resurrection Sunday! The greatest day of the year when we remember the greatest even in the history of the world by the greatest man who ever walked this earth.

Last week we looked at Jesus as Savior (the easy part, most everyone wants a Savior). Today we look at Jesus as Lord....risen.....victorious....

## **Matthew 28:1-10 (NKJV)**

Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. 2 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it.

Picture this scene....Pilate had set guards in front of the tomb and rolled a huge stone in front of the doorway and sealed it shut so the disciples wouldn't "steal Jesus" to pretend He rose from the dead.

There is an earthquake....a GREAT one....and ONE angel came down and rolled back the stone....a stone that couldn't be moved by 12 people....a stone sealed in place....and then the angel sat on it!

## **Matthew 28:3-4 (NKJV)**

His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. 4 And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.

Tell me angels look like our world has depicted them....they are imposing forces carrying the authority of almighty God for whatever purpose they were dispatched to carry out. And when he moved that stone, it was a display of not physical strength but supernatural power!

## **Matthew 28:5-10 (NKJV)**

But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. 7 And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you."

8 So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word.

9 And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."

The angel moved that stone, not for Jesus to escape.....He was already gone! The stone was moved for the disciples to see an empty grave....

The Spirit of God raised Christ from the dead. The firstborn of all the living....He lives so that you may have life in Him and live forever!

See there's a reason this event is so important to us.....

**1 Corinthians 15:17 (NKJV)**

And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!

See Christianity completely depends on the real physical resurrection of the dead body of Jesus, otherwise it's all a lie.

The cross dealt with the penalty for your sin, the payment made in full. Your bill has been paid in Christ as Savior.....but the empty grave deals with the victory over hell, death, and the grave in Christ as Lord!

**Romans 10:8-13 (NKJV)**

But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): 9 that if you confess with your mouth **the Lord Jesus** and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13 For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The lordship of Jesus is directly linked to His resurrection....."if you confess with your mouth **the Savior Jesus** and believe in your heart that God has sent Him to die on a cross, you will be saved".....NO..... the **LORD** Jesus.....was **RAISED** from the dead!

Jesus is not dead.....He is not on a cross.....He is not in a grave.....He is seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven on a throne of glory and power and majesty!

Why??? Because He is **LORD**. He is God. He is Holy. He has all authority in heaven and on earth. He was, and is, and is to come.

When you say Jesus is Lord you are saying "Jesus is God and has supreme authority over all things in heaven and on the earth!"

How many of you agree with that??? Where are you at? On the earth...

So if Jesus has authority over all things, by declaring Jesus is Lord, you declare that Jesus has authority over YOU!

You are acknowledging that you come under HIS rule. It's a claim of submission.....to Someone greater.

Now here's why some don't like it....we don't want to submit to someone else. We want power, we want to control, we want to be in charge.....how's that worked out for you so far....

I'm serious....how has YOU being in charge worked out? You are here aren't you? Clearly you need Jesus.....

We are leading the FPU class and in week one Dave Ramsey lays out the plan for financial freedom and success and he says you have to follow the plan....you can't do FPU-ish. Ish is a wish. You've tried it your way.....it hasn't worked. Don't do a form of the plan, do the entire thing, that's the only way it really works...submit to the plan.....

Some people say Jesus is Lord-ish. As they don't want to give up everything, just some things.....Jesus is wither Lord of all or Lord of nothing. There's no ish plan.....

You want power-ish, victory-ish, to live forever-ish?

Guys you have got to buy in to the entire plan. Jesus is Savior through the work of the cross, but He is also Lord through the work of the grave.

Will you bow to Him now? Will you submit your life to His rule now....or will you be one that is forced to bow?

**Philippians 2:9-11 (NKJV)**

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

You see it's not just that Jesus overcame the grave and is chilling in heaven. He is in heaven interceding for you and me and He has a battle plan to come back and fully redeem this earth, to pick up the fullness of His purchase.

Will you rejoice that day or mourn that day?

Here's what that looks like...

Revelation 19:11-16 - **Now I saw heaven opened**, (he's not dead, he's not in hell)  
**and behold a white horse** (He's not on a donkey anymore)  
**and He who sat on him was called faithful and true** (not the lying blasphemer the world accused him of being)  
**and in righteousness He judges and makes war** (no longer the one on trial).  
**His eyes were like a flame of fire** (no more weeping)  
**and on His head were many crowns** (these aren't thorns)  
**He had a name written that no one knew except himself** (not a name that man will put on him)  
**He was clothed with a robe** (no longer stripped and naked)  
**dipped in blood and his name is called the word of God. The armies of heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed him on white horses** (no longer followed by struggling sinners)  
**Now out of his mouth goes a sharp sword** (no longer silent as a lamb led to slaughter)  
**that with it He should strike the nations and He himself will rule them with a rod of iron**  
 (No longer subject to the devil or his ways)  
**He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God** (no turning the other cheek this time)  
**He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: Crucified lowly carpenter... NO!**  
**KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS!**

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At the cross Jesus was the lamb that was slain but now He is the lion Who overcame!

Thank Him for coming and dying for your sin, praise Him for forgiveness, but we have to recognize that all of that is to get us to the resurrection where we receive Him as all powerful, overcoming, victorious LORD!!!!

#### **Ephesians 1:19-22 (NKJV)**

and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. 22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church

#### **Ephesians 2:6(NKJV)**

and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

**Romans 8:11a (NKJV)**

But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you

Jesus was resurrected.....it was the Spirit of God that raised Him from the dead.....He crushed the head of satan (A promise God made to satan in Genesis 3 after the fall) and He ascended to heaven as Lord and King.....

Do you know what that says about you? If you are in Christ....you have the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead DWELLING in you.....living, taking up residence, it is His home!!!!

You have the same victory! You have the same power! You have the same eternal life!

Jesus is Lord and King.....and you are kings and priests with Him!

Back in Genesis 1 where God made everything, He said "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it and have dominion....

That word for subdue, it is the Greek word kabash (ka-bash)...to force, keep under, dominate, bring into bondage....

WE.....YOU.....ME.....we are to dominate this life....we are to keep it under us (under what? Our rule and reign as we are kings in Christ)..... we are to bring it into bondage (slavery)

There's only one way you can do this.....are YOU submitted to Jesus as Lord.....saved, forgiven by the Savior, but ruled and empowered by the Lord....

Forgiven and weak? Forgiven and full of power and authority? Enough weak Christianity....that's not Christ like...

If you want to win at this life.....spiritually.....victory over the enemy.....authority over the powers of darkness....you have to submit to the Lordship of Jesus....You have to give up to get....your power for His power....your will for His will....

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His victory is your victory. Take back what the enemy has stolen.

He has risen.....it's time for you to rise up.....take your rightful place as a son or daughter....and a co-heir to the throne

What do you need to kabash today? It's your rebirth right....