

**!!! Jesus Christ Is Risen – He Is Risen Indeed !!!**

## RESURRECTION SUNDAY SUNRISE SERVICE

THE FIRST COMING OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST TO HIS CHOSEN PEOPLE AND HIS CHOSEN PLACE.  
HIS VICTORY OVER DEATH AND HELL IS OUR VICTORY IN HIM.

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

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**JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY LIFE TO LIVE**

THE PASSION WEEK OF THE COMING OF THE MESSIAH.  
FROM HIS TRIUMPHAL ENTRY AS KING OF KINGS TO HIS SACRIFICIAL DEATH  
UPON THE CROSS TO HIS GLORIOUS RESURRECTION AS LORD OF LORDS.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

*Prophecy, Salvation, Resurrection, Fulfillment, The Authority of Scripture.*

I will confess that –  
**this morning's passage is not your usual**  
Resurrection / Sunday Sermon Message...

But I will also confess, That the Passage Before us This Morning  
Is More Relevant and Closer to Happening - Then You Think.

On What Do I Base This Hope?  
On This Single Fact That - Jesus Christ is Risen from The Dead

So, Let's Stand For The Reading of God's Word for Today.

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 NLT**

And **now**, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. **14 For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again**, we also believe that **when** Jesus Christ returns, God will bring back with Him the believers who have died. **15** We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living **when** the Lord returns will not meet Him ahead of those who have died. **16** For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. **17** Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. **Then** we will be with the Lord **forever**. **18** So encourage each other with these words.

The Introduction To Our Resurrection Celebration

**Acts 1:6-11**

Therefore, **when** they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "*Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?*" **7** And He said to them, "*It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.*" **8** *But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*" **9** Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. **10** And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, **11** who also said, "*Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.*"

**JESUS CHRIST  
IS THE ONLY LIFE TO LIVE**

**1.) Because Your Life Needs Help**

Positive psychology explores the meaning of life by focusing on **personal strengths, purpose & the pursuit of fulfilling experiences**, enhancing **overall wellbeing**. Identifying one's **values** & engaging in activities that align with these **principles** can cultivate a deeper sense of **purpose & direction**. Building meaningful **connections** & contributing to something **larger than oneself** enriches life, promoting **happiness & satisfaction**.

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## In The Words of That Great Philosopher – Mic Jagger “I Can’t Get No Satisfaction”

### **Ecclesiastes 2:10-11**

Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure, For my heart rejoiced in all my labor; And this was my reward from all my labor. **11** Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done And on the labor in which I had toiled; And indeed all was vanity and grasping for the wind. There was no profit under the sun.

### **Mark 8:36-37**

For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? **37** Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

## **Your Life Needs Help**

### **1a.) Because Your Life Needs A Change**

## **Only Jesus Christ Can Change You;**

**The Bible Teaches That We Can;**

**“Come as You Are”** but The Bible Also Teaches us;

**Transformation, So we can “Expect to be Changed into a New Person”**

### **2 Corinthians 5:17**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

John 6:37-38

All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. **38** For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

## Your Life Needs Help

**1b.) Because Your Life Needs The Power**

**Jesus Christ said that -  
He would come to live inside of you If you invited Him.**

Revelation 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone **hears** my voice and **opens** the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

Again - - Acts 1:8

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

## Your Life Needs Help

**1c.) Because Your Life Needs The Peace**

Why are we so obsessed with the Hollywood Superhero Mentality?  
The Man on a White Horse or the Knight in Shining Armor?

We're **Looking** to be Rescued –  
Even When We're **Not Looking**

Picture of the Little Lamb on the Run

**Matthew 18:11-13**

For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost. **12** “What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine and go to the mountains to seek the one that is straying? **13** And if he should find it, assuredly, I say to you, he rejoices more over that *sheep* than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray.

**John 14:27**

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

## JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY LIFE TO LIVE

### 2.) Because Your Life Needs Love

**Jeremiah 31:3**

The LORD has appeared of old to me, *saying*: “Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore, with lovingkindness I have drawn you.

**John 10:9-11a**

I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. **10** The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly. **11** “I am the good shepherd.

### Your Life Needs Love

### 2a.) Because Your Life Needs Acceptance

Jesus Christ is The Only One Who Could Really Love You –  
In All This World, It’s Jesus Christ Who Really Loves You!

**John 3:15-16**

For whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. **16** For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

**Your Life Needs Love**

**2b.) Because Your Life Needs Purpose**

**You're No Accident**

He is Jesus **THE REDEMER** and He makes all things for a purpose.

**Proverbs 29:18 NLT**

When people do not accept divine guidance (vision), they run wild. But whoever obeys the law (God's Word) is joyful.

**Your Life Needs Love**

**2c.) Because Your Life Needs Vision**

The Word **Vision** Means;

(1) to move or to be moving with intention, (2) to have direction, (3) eyes on the target. We might say; "to have a "drop-pin" location – indicating that

"this is where I am going" it is to put your purpose.

**Matthew 4:17-20**

From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." **18** And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. **19** Then He said to them, **"Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."** **20** They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

I WILL GUIDE YOU. COME, FOLLOW ME. I WILL DIRECT YOU.

## JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY LIFE TO LIVE

**3.) Because Your Life Needs Life**

**John 14:19c**

Because I live, you will live also

**Your Life Needs Life**

**3a.) Because Your Life Needs Defining**

The things that have happened in your life,  
are not the things that define who you are.

Listen - This is Who you are.

You are a man or a woman, a young girl or boy who has been granted life by  
God here in this world –

Who we are as human beings.

**Genesis 1:27**

So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him;  
male and female He created them.

**Romans 8:28**

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God,  
to those who are the called according to His purpose.

**Your Life Needs Life**

**3b.) Because Your Life Needs Forgiveness**

**John 3:17**

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

**Luke 4:18-21**

“The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind ,To set at liberty those who are oppressed; 19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.” 20 Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. 21 And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

# Forgiveness

## Your Life Needs Life

### 3c.) Because Your Life Needs an Ending

“Nothing so far has worked out in my life.”

( **Money** isn't doing it. **Sex** isn't doing it. **Crack, Pot & Drugs** isn't doing it. **Power** isn't doing it. **Stuff** isn't doing it.

Oh Wait. There's One More...

Why do you think **“Religion”** is often times a person's last desperate attempt to find meaning & purpose? Because they exhausted everything else.

## How Can I Be Renewed ?

**Matthew 11:28**

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden,  
and I will give you rest.

*End of Study*

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