

SERMON NOTES: Easter, March 31, 2013

“Riding the Elevator”

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Mark 16:1-8, 1 Corinthians 15:1-6, Romans 6:1-11

Jesus' last Weeks: Just a Blur to His Followers

*From Success to Arrest . . . From Hope to Despair
. . . From Despair to Hope . . . From Death to Resurrection*

‘Easter Questions’: A New Set of Questions About Jesus

If Jesus is Alive . . . *then what about. .*

1. His Claims? Arrogant or Accurate?

John 10:30 (I and the father are One)

Matthew 16:16 (The Christ, the Son of the Living God)

2. His Death? Sad or Truly Significant?

1 Corinthians 15:1-3 (for our Sins)

Hebrews 10:12 (a sacrifice to end all sacrifices)

3. His Mission? Over or Ongoing?

Matthew 28:19-20 (Go!)

‘Easter Questions’: A New Set of Questions About Their Message

If Jesus is Alive . . . *then they have*

1. A Job to do! A Message to Tell the World
2. New Life (our resurrection) beyond this life to come

Romans 6:6 “If we have been united with him in a death like his . . . we shall also be united with him in a resurrection like his”

3. New Life (our resurrection) within this life right now.

Romans 6:4,11 “just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of God, so we too might walk in newness of life.

How?

4. New Life (Christ's resurrection) at work in & around them

Romans 6:11. You must consider yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in(side) Christ Jesus.”

Trust Him! . . . Live your life as if you were living inside Jesus' Life (Romans 6:1-12). . . *like stepping inside an airplane or an elevator*

- Comfort: He alone will carry you safely to your destination . . .
- Change: He alone will carry you higher than you can imagine – spiritually, morally, and with unending purpose.
- Challenge: It's a package deal: . . . Choosing to go along for the ride now is the only guarantee of enjoying the destination later.