



"The Courage of our Risen Lord!"
Easter Weekend –April 4-5, 2015

Scripture Reading - Rev. 1:12-18

Can you see the courage and boldness of the risen Lord?

1. He has conquered death! (Matt. 28:6; Eph. 4:8; Acts 2:24)
2. He has the keys of death! (Rev. 1:17-18)
3. He has been given a name above every other name! (Philippians 2:8-11)

Application:

1. Have you submitted to the risen Lord in your life? Are you ready to bow the knee to Him and accept Him as your Savior and Lord? You can speak to one of the pastors or elders this morning before you leave and make that decision today!
2. As a Christ-follower, are you trusting in the power and authority of the risen Lord in your life? What areas of your life do you need His power and victory right now? Trust in Him right now to give you His power and victory.



Bible Study Questions/ Discussion
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1. Share with one another any impact moments for yourself or friends and family from the Easter services.
2. As we study the Biblical account of the resurrection of Christ we will see His great courage and we will also learn to apply that same courage in our lives. The New Testament gives us clear evidence of the resurrection. Read Matt. 28:6; Lk. 24:5. Jesus conquered death. Share with one another the impact "death" has on your family or friends.
3. Describe the victory march of Jesus that is described in Eph. 4:8 and Col. 2:15. How is death described in Acts 2:24? Compare the birth experience with this teaching on the resurrection. Who has the power of death according to Heb. 2:14? Death is the consequence of what according to Romans 5:12; Rom. 6:23; I Cor. 15:55-56?
4. Jesus now has the keys of death and hades according to Rev. 1:17-18. He is described as the "first and the last." What does this mean? (Also Isa. 44:6) What comfort do we have that this Jesus has the keys of death and hades? (Also Rev. 3:7) What is the difference between death and hades?
5. Describe the authority of Jesus over death as seen in John 5:25. What ability does Jesus have to help us? (Eph. 2:5)
6. The risen Lord has been given "a name above every other name." (Phil. 2:9-10) (Also Acts 4:12) Discuss the exaltation of Jesus, based on the following passages. (Ps. 8:5-6; Matt. 28:18; Lk. 24:26; Rom. 14:19; Eph. 1:20-21; I Peter 3:22)
7. The response of all creation is what, according to Phil. 2:10? (Also Isa. 45:23) Discuss the impact of "bowing the knee" before Jesus. What does that mean to you? How is this different than some of the popular viewpoints of Christianity?
8. "Every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!" (Phil. 2:11) What does it mean to "confess" from a Biblical perspective? (Rom. 10:9-10) (Also Rev. 5:13)
9. Because of the resurrection of Jesus, we see His victory over death. We also see that He has the keys of death and that He has been exalted over every other name. Discuss the application to our lives of following such a victorious Lord. As we face the struggles of this world, in prayer trust the victorious Jesus today.