

A Resurrection That Never Ends

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Jesus Christ came from eternity to die and rise again, to fulfill the Old Testament prophecies and to provide an eternal answer for humanity.

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker discusses the concept of eternity and how it is ingrained in the hearts of every human being. He explains that God has put eternity into man's heart, causing them to long for an eternal answer. However, man is perplexed as he cannot fully comprehend God's plans and purposes. The speaker emphasizes that the answers to life cannot be found on earth or through earthly experiences, but rather through a relationship with a risen Christ. The sermon also highlights the significance of Christ's death and resurrection, using the example of Jonah being in the heart of the earth for three days and nights as a foreshadowing of Jesus' sacrifice.

Transcript

The title of this message is A Resurrection That Never Ends. A resurrection that never ends, that is what we have in Jesus Christ. That is what Jesus Christ has since he rose from the dead.

In the Bible, in 1 Corinthians chapter 15, verse 3, Paul writes and he says, For I delivered to you, first of all, that which I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures. And he was buried, and then he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures. So everything that Jesus Christ did was already foretold in the Scriptures.

In Ecclesiastes chapter 3, verse 11, it says that God has made everything beautiful in its time. And, look at this, he has also set eternity in the hearts of men. Yet, they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

I thank God for how much light Jesus Christ sheds on that Scripture. Well, there's three things I want to talk to you about, and they are before us today. One is the sense of eternity that is in every man's heart.

The other is the fact, and thank God for it, that a Savior came out from eternity to address the longing in our hearts for eternity. And the final thing is the seal of the resurrection upon eternity for us, for you, for

me. There is a sense of eternity in every man's heart.

We read that in Ecclesiastes 3, verse 11. What an interesting thing to read, that God has set eternity in man's heart. In other words, man does not have to be taught to think about eternity.

It is there. God has set it in man's heart, just as he sets other things in the hearts of his creation. You know, I come from Southern California.

I've lived all around the country, but I come from Southern California. There's an old mission there that was founded by Father Junipero Serra years ago. The mission at San Juan Capistrano.

And you know, the most amazing thing happens every year. The swallows come back to Capistrano. How do you know that, even out here in the middle of America? Because they're famous for coming back.

There's songs that have been sung about it. Why do the swallows come back to Capistrano? God has set it in their hearts. It's amazing.

I've watched them do it, and it happens every year, right on time. You don't have to teach a fish to swim, all the things that go on in life. Who ever taught a beaver to build a dam? You ever seen a beaver out there with a manual? Let's see now, step one, have a big flat tail.

Got that? No, but if you watch them, it is fascinating to behold. An amazing thing to watch a beaver build a dam. In the same way as God has put things into the heart of his creation, he has put eternity into his highest creation, which is man.

He's put eternity into man's heart. So every man has thoughts about eternity. As a result, God allows man to then long for an eternal answer.

It's in the passage. Ecclesiastes 3.1. He has set eternity in the hearts of men, yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end. So man is perplexed.

He has this eternal longing in his heart, and yet as he looks around at his life, he can't figure out how it all fits together because the truth is the answers to life are not to be found on this earth or in your experience on this earth. And God uses that, and God uses the effects of man's sin to drive him into the arms of a risen Christ. You know how he does it? He has set eternity in your heart.

You long for it, but then you begin to live your life out and you start to find out what life is really all about. It doesn't take very long to find out there is a huge lack of justice in this life. Would you agree to that? From your own experience, or look at Paul the Apostle.

He sits in the dungeon, this great man of God, and Nero sits upon the throne. There is this great injustice that goes on in life at every turn. And we go through life and we become so frustrated with that.

And then there is the whole quest in life for satisfaction. So that here we are in this temporal life and it passes by so quickly and you begin to figure out how things work and then you start in your life to try to find satisfaction. Do you find it? Have you found it? Can you get satisfaction? If you get it, it seems to fly away so quick, doesn't it? There is an anthem in the rock world.

A song by the Rolling Stones. Do you know the song? I can't get no, what? Satisfaction. And I try, and I try, and I try, and I try, and I can't get no, what? How do we all know that? Why did the whole world like

that song? Mick Jagger probably wrote it in 30 seconds like most of his songs.

Why would it become a hit for the whole world? Because the whole world can relate to it. The lack of justice, the lack of satisfaction. Someone as well said that that only is worth my having which I can have forever.

That only is worth my grasping which death cannot tear out of my hand. So we look for that. We fail to find it.

Lack of justice, lack of satisfaction. I think one of the most frustrating things in life that forces us to look out toward eternity is the lack of completion. The lack of completion.

A brilliant songwriter dies. We're off Mick Jagger now, obviously. A brilliant songwriter dies in the midst of the greatest composition.

You have actors in Hollywood working on a film, and before the completion of the film, which may be to them one of their most important works, they suddenly die. You read of someone doing a concert. They hop in a plane.

They go to fly home, and they crash. That has gone on throughout my lifetime. The works that don't come to completion, the projects that are left unfinished, the bulldozed dreams that are left unrealized.

Lack of completion. So much is left so incomplete here. And you start to look inward.

You start to look outward, and you start to ask the question, what is this all about? There must be more. There must be more. And so you can only hope and speculate that maybe there is more.

So you try things. You try religion. As your heart is longing for an answer beyond this, you try religion.

You start to look. I remember that quest in my own life. I started to look at all these things, and I said, there has to be more.

This cannot be all there is. I started to turn toward religion. Frankly, I turned away from the dead Christianity I was exposed to growing up.

Actually, I hated going to church. I hated it. It just was so dead and so boring.

Nobody ever preached to me or spoke to me of a living, exciting Christ who could answer the longings of my heart. So I began to look elsewhere. Went to Confucius, and he confused me.

I went to Buddha. He was benevolent, but he didn't have the answers. And I went through all these different religions, and I exhausted all the systems of Eastern thought.

Hinduism, hello, is a hodgepodge of millions of gods. And the idea of a recycled life never appealed to me anyway, especially when you see them worshiping cattle and rats. Rats are one of their gods.

Well, the nation starves. There's food, but they don't have it because the rats eat it. They won't kill the rats because their gods are eating the food.

I looked at that, and I said, sorry, I'm not even interested. And I explored all of that. I read the Upanishads.

I read the Koran. I explored Islam. All of it, in the end, was a dead-end street.

And I kept looking out, going, there has to be more. There has to be more. And God has set eternity in man's heart, and God allows man to long for an eternal answer.

And in the end, you have only the expectancy that maybe I hope that there is something beyond this. And we start to say things to each other like, well, maybe we'll all be together in the great beyond. What is the great beyond? That is the strangest statement.

We'll gather together in the great beyond. How do you know it's so great if your life here has been so crummy? The great beyond. The only way to know that there is something great beyond all this is to go to Jesus Christ, who is the only one who ever went into death and came back out alive to tell mankind what it was all about.

And that is our Lord Jesus Christ. He died and he rose again. It wasn't just the God in him that rose again.

He rose again as a human being. And that is why W.A. Criswell, that great pastor who's now gone to heaven, used to say we are all fascinated with the future because that is where we will live for the rest of our lives. I'm not looking anymore.

Now I'm studying. I'm studying my future, my eternity. That's why I'm going to live for the rest of my life.

Because the sense of eternity that was in my heart that is in yours is answered by the Savior that came out from eternity. And that is my second main thought today, a Savior from eternity. He came here purposefully to die.

He was born to die and then to rise again. You realize when he was born in Bethlehem that his birth was attended by angels. The shepherds out in the field were heralded by angels that he was born.

You realize that throughout his life, angels ministered to him. You realize that when he rose from the dead, angels were there. Hey, the Roman soldiers, these rough, tough, burly, battle experienced men were standing outside that tomb on that resurrection morning.

And the earth shook and an angel showed up shining as bright as the sun. And he sat on the stone that was rolled away from the tomb, sat there and the Roman soldiers fell over and fainted big, burly dudes. Then they got up and looked and realized that the tomb was empty, but they knew that they were there.

And so it was empty when the stone rolled away. So they went to the religious leaders and they told all the details of what had happened, that he had indeed risen from the dead. And the reason they were very careful to do that is because otherwise, if Pilate found out that they were asleep on the job and he escaped from the tomb or the disciples busted in and stole his body away, then they would be executed for sleeping on the job and not getting the job done.

They were assigned to that job on pain of death. So they had to convince, follow this, they had to convince the religious leaders that he really did rise from the dead Roman soldiers and they did convince them. And when they convinced them, they said, see that you tell no one of this.

Here is a large sum of money. Now you say this, you tell everybody from now on his disciples came and stole him away. Well, wait, that means we were asleep on the job.

We'll be in trouble with Pilate. Here is a large sum of money. You say his disciples came and stole him away.

And when the news comes to the governor of this, we have an even larger sum of money for the governor. Don't you worry about Pilate. You take that cash and go.

You share that lie with anybody that will listen and we will take care of the governor and he will enjoy the cash that we have for him. And the saying is told to this day. That's what Matthew tells us, that his body was stolen away.

But you see that the Roman soldiers knew he had risen from the dead. Their lie proves the resurrection of Jesus Christ. He came out from eternity and he came attended by angels in his birth, attended by angels in his death and resurrection.

He came to die and rise. According to the scriptures, Paul said he came to die and rise as he had promised. Turn to Matthew 12, 40.

Matthew 12, 40. Jesus promised he would rise again from the dead. He says, for as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

You ever wonder why Jonah is in the Bible? It's the strangest account ever. A guy gets a call from God. God says, go to Nineveh and preach Nineveh.

I might as well tell you, if you don't know, the Jewish people hated Nineveh because the Ninevites didn't like them either. In fact, if they caught one of the Jews, they would hold them prisoner. And what they would do for any of their enemies, what they did is they would bury you in the desert, in the sand, up to your neck with just your head.

You've seen in the movies just your head sitting there. Then they would. This was their means of torture.

Then they would pull your tongue out, stretch it out and attach a leather strap to it and then nail that into the ground. So your tongue would be pulled out, hooked to a leather strap, nailed down to the ground. But the sun would come baking down on your head and on your tongue and your tongue and get sunburned.

You know, you can imagine how it would be. So God says, Jonah, I want you to go to Nineveh. And he's no possible way.

I am not going to have my head sticking out of the sand and the tongue, the whole thing that you know about already. So he said, I'm not going. And he went and he jumped on a boat to Tarshish.

You know where that was? It was out on the corner of Spain. It was the jumping off point. They called it the end of the world.

He said, I'm not going there. I'm going to go to the end of the world. I'd rather go to the end of the world and go there.

So he heads off to the end of the world. It was a very short journey to Nineveh. It was a very long journey to the end of the world over.

We had to sail across the Mediterranean, everything else. So he gets on this boat. And you ever wonder why this account and the storm breaks out and their lives are in jeopardy.

And Jonah says, listen, I can tell you why we're in a storm. And everybody says, tell us, tell us why. Why? He says, because of me.

You see, God asked me to go to this place and I said no. And I'm on this ship with you guys going in the opposite direction. So he's allowed the storm to come.

If you want the storm to stop, you're going to have to toss me over, fellas. And so they said, well, no, let's pray about that. That's not really a nice thing to do.

No, you don't see any of that. You just see a heave and a ho and over you go. And a fish pulls up.

I'm so sure a fish pulls up. He opens Jonah's mouth and he takes off and sails away. The Bible says God had prepared a great fish and Jonah was in there inside.

And then that fish went cruising up. You know where that fish drove himself. He drove right over to the shores of beach near Nineveh.

And away he goes. You say, well, why is it even in the Bible? It's in the Bible because it was a picture way back that the son of God would come and he would be three days and nights in the heart of the earth. It's only there to be a type to point to Christ.

And it's so odd that it gets your attention. And even children know it and remember it from Sunday school. That's why it's in the Bible.

And, you know, something, the thing that is so amazing to me is that he came to die and raise again from the dead, as he promised. And as I study my Bible through the years since I've gotten to know him, I'm so fascinated because the longer I know him and the more I study and the more I look at the Bible, the more of those things I understand, the more fascinating my God is and the more awesome he is and the more I love him and appreciate him. And the more exciting it is for me to be a Christian.

In Matthew 16, 21, it says, From that time, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem. Matthew 16, 21, that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed and be raised. What does it say? The third day.

So the Old Testament foretold it in a type and many other places. Jesus himself foretold it. He predicted his own death and resurrection right there.

Matthew 16, 21. The situation then at the time of Jesus is so amazing to see how it all unfolds. He foretold it and then it happens.

They came and they arrested him, you remember, in the Garden of Gethsemane. Some people imagine Judas with a couple of the high priests or whatever. He goes over, he hugs Jesus, he gives him a kiss.

The truth is, historians from their research believe there may have been up to, up toward the number of 1,000 people that came to the garden to get him that night because they were taking every precaution against him using his power to get away. I'll tell you what, when Judas goes to identify him by hugging him and giving him that Mediterranean kiss on each side of the cheek, you know, that tells you how common

Jesus was in his appearance. In other words, the only way to be able to recognize him is if I go right up to him and point him out to you.

I will use my friendship to betray him. So they arrested him. They took him away.

They tried him through the night. It is amazing once it starts to happen how fast it goes. Out from eternity comes God.

He's born in a manger, attended by angels. He grows. He lives.

At 30 he goes public. He lives a life that nobody ever lived before. He basically blazes a path of miracles through Palestine, wiping out disease, healing people, healing broken hearts and healing broken bodies, opening blind eyes and casting out demons everywhere he went.

He had power over disease and power over Satan. He lived a life that nobody lived, and when they capture him and then the events are in place now, the time goes so fast. And they try him in the middle of the night.

They had left the upper room, and he was in the garden around 1 o'clock in the morning, probably in the trial about 1.30. By 6.30 in the morning, he was in front of Pilate. Pilate didn't know what to do with him, and Herod was in town. So he sent him over to Herod, who was just right nearby.

Herod and Pilate sort of played ping pong back and forth with Jesus. He sent him over to Herod. Herod wanted him to do some miracles.

He wouldn't do anything. He sent him back to Pilate. Pilate didn't want to sentence him to death because he hadn't done anything wrong, and the problem was that Pilate had done things wrong.

When he came into Israel, when he came into Jerusalem, when he first came to be governor, he offended the Jewish people. They made big trouble with him, and it got back to Caesar, and he got in big trouble. And then another time he was in big trouble with the Jewish people, and he got in trouble with Caesar.

If he was in trouble one more time, he would be removed as governor and exiled, if not even put to death. So the crowd began to shout to Pilate that they said, If you don't judge this man, then you make yourself to be a friend of him. He makes himself to be a king, and we will have no king but Caesar.

And if you don't judge this man and send him to his death, you are not Caesar's friend. If you are not Caesar's friend and you're his friend, then you are against Caesar. We're going to tell Caesar on you.

If there's any more trouble with us and you, you are out. They blackmailed him. And that is why he finally gave in.

But it all goes so fast. 6.30 in the morning, he's in front of Pilate. By 9 o'clock, think of it, by 9 o'clock, he was hanging on the cross.

They didn't really give him even that much time. And they led him through the streets of Jerusalem. The Bible says that he bore his cross.

It would have been the crossbeam. It weighed around 125, 130 pounds. The vertical part of the cross was too heavy for a man to carry.

The Romans made the crossbeam just as heavy as a man could possibly carry. A little over 100 pounds. Just enough to aggravate the whipped back, the bloody back, and all that he'd already gone through.

They made him carry that. They led him down what is now called the Via Dolorosa. The road to the cross.

It goes through Jerusalem, out to Damascus Gate. And as you come out of the Damascus Gate, straight ahead of you, you see it. It looks just like a skull.

This calvary. And they crucified him there. In what is called the Place of the Skull.

In Matthew 27, verse 33, it says when they had come to a place called Golgotha. That is to say, place of a skull. That's just outside, as I said, the wall of the city of Jerusalem.

Right outside the Damascus Gate. It's called that because the road that runs to Damascus is there. It goes one way to Jericho, the other way to Damascus.

Old, old, old trade route. They took him out the Damascus Gate and they crucified him at Calvary. The Place of the Skull.

I want you to turn your Bible to John 19, 38. I want to look at the situation at that time and compare it with the situation. The scene at this time in life right now.

But at that time, they took him to the Place of the Skull. And then the Bible in John 19, 38 says there was a garden tomb there. And after this, Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews.

Here's a secret disciple. He besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus. And Pilate gave him leave.

He came, and therefore, and he took the body of Jesus. And there came also Nicodemus, which first came to Jesus by night. Do you notice how John is so careful to point out they are both secret disciples? Joseph of Arimathea being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly.

And there came also Nicodemus. You remember, he came to Jesus by night. I am so thankful that that is in here.

Because at this point, the body of Jesus Christ is there on the cross. He is dead. It looks like.

But the fact that Joseph of Arimathea comes to take and ask Pilate if he can take the body away. Tells me that though his body was dead, he was alive. And he from beyond the grave reaches out into the heart of Joseph of Arimathea.

And he says, I know you've been a secret disciple all this time. But that's all going to change right now. And though you can't see me, though you can't talk to me, though you can't feel me around you.

You can feel me inside of your heart. And now you're going to feel a tug in your heart that's beyond anything you've ever felt before. And it's going to pull you out into a brand new life.

It's time for you to go public and tell everybody who will listen or look that you know and love Jesus Christ. And so when he went and took that body off of the cross. Know this.

It was the lowest point in the reputation of Jesus Christ, beaten and bloodied. And it appeared to the world he was dead. And yet at that point, as he took that body off the cross and got some help from other people, did it in front of the Roman centurion and all the religious leaders who were mocking standing there in front of them all.

He was not ashamed to say, I will do this for my Jesus, because I don't care if the whole world sees me identified with him now. I finally understand what he's all about, and I'm going to do anything I can for him at this point. He goes public, but Jesus, you can't even see him or talk to him at that point.

And you know something? He's still doing that. That is how I came to know Jesus Christ. If you know him today, that's how you came to know him.

And there came also Nicodemus, who first came to Jesus by night, and he brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pound weight. You know what is so tremendous about this? Is that anytime the Lord really works in your heart and he draws your heart out toward him and you just you get to that point where you don't care what anybody thinks, you're going to follow Jesus, you're going to attend to Jesus. As soon as you bump into somebody else who's recently had the same experience, you just get together and it's the most joyful experience.

Wow, you too? It's happening to you too? And you know, as he went to take the body of Jesus off the cross, there came also Nicodemus, who came to Jesus by night. It was happening to both of them at exactly the same time. You can just see it.

He has over a hundred pound weight of myrrh and aloes and all this. He would have to have something akin to a big wheelbarrow. Can you imagine? The secret disciple has to come to the crowd like this.

Excuse me. Excuse me. Wheelbarrow here coming through.

Excuse me. And then all of a sudden, Joseph of Arimathea looks over and hears. Excuse me.

Excuse me. Oh, my gosh. It's Nick at night.

Next up, man. Hey, you too, huh? Yeah. Joseph, what are you doing here? I thought you were a secret disciple.

Yeah. And you're Mr. Nick at night. What are you doing here? Well, suddenly I just felt God telling me to do this.

Yeah, me too. What are you doing here? What are you doing here? You know what I love is he's still doing that. That's what we've been saying to each other here.

Well, suddenly I felt like this is what God wanted. And he's been doing great things in my life. He is alive.

He is alive. He's still working in the hearts of men and he's still making secret disciples, public ones. I thank God for that.

That was the situation at that time. They laid him in a new tomb. We are told here in John, 19:41.

There was a in that place where he was crucified was a garden and in the garden, a new tomb or sepulcher where never yet a man was laid. And they laid Jesus there because of the Jews preparation day

for the sepulcher was near at hand. So here is Jesus.

He has to be into a tomb before sundown, which would be the beginning of a new day to fulfill his own prophecy. So the tomb would have to be right here by the cross. In order to fulfill his own prophecy.

You'd have to be very close. And we read in John, 19:42, that they took him and laid him in a tomb that was near at hand. That was the situation at that time.

You know what the situation is at this time right now in life. If you go to Jerusalem and you go out the Damascus Gate, you will see straight in front of you. Golgotha, Calvary.

You'll see the place of the skull and you'd have to be a blind man to not see it. The minute you walk out the Damascus Gate, you look straight ahead. You go, wow, that hill over there looks like a skull.

It's really weird. And then whoever is with you goes, yes, that's why they call it the place of the skull. That's where he was crucified.

It's so obvious. Then if you go to Calvary, just 500 feet from the little hill, 500 feet down, there's a tomb. The British take care of it.

It's called, it was discovered by General Gordon. Gordon's Calvary, they call that hill. And there's a tomb that's only 500 feet just down from the hill.

And if you go inside of that tomb, because it's empty, you find that it is hewn out of rock. The most amazing thing, I've been in it a number of times, the most amazing thing is when you walk up to it, you see the track where the stone would have rolled across. And as you walk into it, going in directly to your right, you see this area.

It's been carved out of the rock. Immediately to your right is an area that's unfinished. Definitely an area for a few more people.

It's unfinished. But then over to the left as you look at it, it's all finished in just one spot, just right for an adult to be laid there in the tomb. And that is believed to be the tomb in which they put Jesus Christ.

One of the reasons they believe it is, is because it's unfinished. It was new. Something stopped the whole process.

It is so close to Calvary, only 500 feet. And the Bible says right here in John 19, 41, in that place there was a garden. When you go to the tomb there, they call it the garden tomb, there is a huge underground well.

It's huge. Huge. It's like above these lights.

If you're above these lights looking down into the ground, there's a huge area about where we are here that is there. It's an underground well. It is the kind that you would have to have to have a huge garden where you would grow not only little plants but olive trees as well.

And right next to that well is, it's really more of a giant cistern really, right next to that is the tomb. So there would have been a garden there. Everything fits perfectly, absolutely perfectly.

The underground tank, the tomb that is unfinished, Calvary, the place of the skull, and the tomb is empty. That is the great thing. The tomb is empty.

And I'll tell you something. When you, I've seen it happen with every person I've ever been to Israel with. When you walk up to that tomb and you look over to the place of the skull and you can see it and you can see the empty tomb, you just know in your heart this is the place.

And every person I've ever been there with has that moment where they just burst into tears. Often it happens right in the tomb. First time I ever walked in there, I asked to please be excused and I shut the door and I just burst into tears because here is the place where my Lord was laying and yet he rose from the dead right here.

This is the tomb that Peter and John raced to and John stopped and was peering in and Peter came running by. He says, let me in. And they saw the very linen, verse 40 of John 19, that they had wound around his body.

They saw it like a cocoon laying there in perfect shape and the part that was around his head laying there separately, completely in perfect shape because he had risen up and out in a new body that was able to pass right out of the linen cloths and then right out of the tomb while it was still sealed. That tomb is empty. That is because our Christ is alive.

He is the Savior from eternity who answers the longing, the sense of eternity in my heart and in rising from the dead, he sealed everything for eternity because he put the seal on all the Old Testament prophecies. He put the seal on all of his promises for forgiveness. When he said to people in his life, I forgive you and others around would just gasp.

No man can forgive sins. Only God. When he rose from the dead, he proved he was God and he rose from the dead after he had borne our sins.

So by rising from the dead, he took the pain. He took the guilt. He took then the punishment for our sin.

And then when he rose from the dead, it was paid for. There was nothing more to be done. He said it is finished.

He put the seal on all the promises of forgiveness. So for you today, there is full forgiveness. You can put your past in the hands of Jesus and let it go.

To me, it is one of the greatest things in all of life. You can put your current sin in the hands of Jesus and ask him to forgive you and he will. And you have not only forgiveness for your current sin, but you have full forgiveness for every sin you will ever commit.

Past, present or future in Jesus Christ. He said it is finished and he meant paid in full. All the penalty for your sin paid in full.

So he puts the seal on all the Old Testament prophecies, all the promises for forgiveness, and all of our hopes is the best part for our future. Because when he came out of that tomb, he made it crystal clear that he was in fact risen from the dead and he was in fact still Jesus. He appeared to Mary and he appeared to the disciples.

They were in the room, the door locked because they were afraid the government would come busting in and get them. He appeared in the room and you know what he did? He did this. I call it revelation, presentation, demonstration, explanation.

It just kind of stuck in my head. That is what he did when he rose from the dead. Revelation to Mary.

She's looking in the tomb after Peter and John left. And there's two angels, one at the feet of where he would have been laying and one at the head because the grave clothes are there. There's an angel at each end just as some food for thought.

It's another study, but it's the fulfillment of the Ark of the Covenant with the two angels facing each other. The mercy seat inside the Holy of Holies. Here is the place where he laid after his blood was given.

And there's angels facing each other. Just a side thought. Throw into the message for free today.

And it was Mary, a common woman, who got to see that most glorious fulfillment. And so you have this. She's standing there and the angels said, why are you weeping? And they see Jesus behind her.

Why are you weeping? He's like standing behind her. And they go, they've taken away my Lord and I don't know where they put him. I just want to know where he is.

I'll go get him. I'll carry him to some other place. I know this is a borrowed tomb.

And she doesn't know Jesus is standing behind her. She turns around. She thinks he's the gardener.

She's weeping her eyes out. And he says one word, Mary. And it came from that man, that voice that she knew so well.

The only man in her life who had never mistreated her. A woman whom seven demons had been cast out of. The door to that kind of demon possession would be immorality.

Sin, gross sin. But that voice had always brought freedom and love to her life. Mary.

That's all it took. She said, Rabboni, Master. And she bowed down and worshipped him.

He revealed himself to her. Revelation. The disciples are hidden in that room with the door closed.

He shows up right in the middle of the room. Presentation. Hi, I'm alive from the dead.

And they were afraid, so he gave them a demonstration. Revelation, presentation, demonstration. Thomas, I understand you had a few doubts.

Wait, Lord, you weren't around. How'd you know? Because I'm always around, even when you can't see me. Thomas, if you really doubt, look.

It's me. Put your finger right there in the hole in my hand. Or my side.

Thomas bows before him. He doesn't even touch him. And he says, my Lord.

One of the greatest confessions of the deity of Christ in all the Bible. My Lord and my God. And then he gave them a demonstration.

He sat down with them. And he ate honeycomb and some fish. Honeycomb and some fish.

Why? Because he wanted them to know. Hey, it's me. Now, I know I'm kind of amazing.

Appeared out of nowhere. But hey, pass a little fish over. And a little honeycomb.

So they give him the fish and the honeycomb. You know what it is? It's a demonstration that our new body on the other side of the grave is still. We're still going to be us.

And we still get to eat. One of the most important revelations ever. Demonstration of the new body you can't eat.

A revelation, a presentation, a demonstration of life after death. That it's real. You get to be you.

You're not some ethereal floating mist. And finally, an explanation that went on for you want to know how long? You know some of you. Forty days.

For forty days he appeared and disappeared and appeared and disappeared and appeared and disappeared. Teaching them concerning the things of the kingdom of God. That now made sense with him risen from the dead and a glorified body before them.

He took all the fear out of their hearts concerning death. By forty days of explanation taught in a brand new risen from the dead. Other side of the grave glorified body.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead today. And everything in the world is different because he rose. Father thank you.

For answering the longing of our hearts. Thank you Jesus. That in every possible way you have shown us life on the other side of death.

Lord work your saving work in every heart. And Lord we'll give you all the glory as we see you work your life saving work. And continue to manifest your risen life in us.

In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

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