

## “Epic #10 –When the Real Cheering Began”

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This is the EPIC story of God taking something really wonderful that had “come from together” and going to incredible lengths to put it back together.

### THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

Mark 16:1-8

Everything had changed. The unbelievable had happened. Jesus had risen from the dead.

A Major Dilemma: The greatness and significance of the event exceeds anyone’s capacity to adequately talk about it.

### TWO KEY QUESTIONS

#### 1.) DID THE RESURRECTION REALLY HAPPEN?

This is either the pivot point of all history, not just history on this planet but eternal history, or it is a giant farce.

- Jesus \_\_\_\_\_
- The tomb was \_\_\_\_\_
- The disciples were \_\_\_\_\_ people
- What they \_\_\_\_\_
- The way they \_\_\_\_\_
- What they asked of \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2.) HOW DOES THE RESURRECTION IMPACT US TODAY?

A.) The resurrection informs or reminds us that God is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ -even when things don’t make sense to us.

- Our lives might feel like it is Friday or Saturday, but Sunday is coming

B.) Our greatest enemy has been \_\_\_\_\_.

Reality #1-We are all going to \_\_\_\_\_.

Reality #2-If death is not \_\_\_\_\_, the long term outlook is truly bleak.

Reality #3-God touched us at the cross and triumphed at the \_\_\_\_\_.

Reality #4-There is great victory over THE great enemy.  
1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:54-58

C.) The resurrection also reminds us that we are not \_\_\_\_\_ and that the things we do under the umbrella of the resurrection are not in vain.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:58
- Just in case we have forgotten, there is indescribable significance in the fact that Christ died for us. That’s how \_\_\_\_\_ we are to God.

Even though we can’t fully grasp it, the resurrection can be:

- an \_\_\_\_\_ point in what can be a confusing world.
- a source of \_\_\_\_\_ for those of us who need to seriously look at Christ.
- a reminder that our lives and efforts are not \_\_\_\_\_ or insignificant.
- a source of \_\_\_\_\_ in a dying world.

Are we fans or followers?

## EPIC

You don't have to be a rocket scientist to look at our world and realize that something has gone wrong. How did it get this bad? And how do we find our way out of this mess? In the weeks leading up to Easter we have explored the epic story of a good creation gone bad and the price God paid to bring it back to Him.

EPIC: In the Beginning

EPIC: Broken By Evil

EPIC: The Great Rescue

- 4/3: The Great Rescue – Abraham, the Patriarchs, & the Exodus
- 4/10: The Great Rescue – The Judges, the Kings, & the Exile
- 4/17: When The Cheering Stopped (Palm Sunday)
- 4/24: When The Real Cheering Began (Easter Sunday)

### **Things to think about...**

*Thinking through the ideas presented in Sunday's message helps us apply God's word to our individual lives. These questions are designed to help you put His words into action in your life this week.*

- As you think about Jesus' resurrection, how would you describe its impact on the way you live your life on a daily basis?
- What do you think is the biggest obstacle people face in believing in the resurrection? What are some of the implications about Jesus that can be drawn from the resurrection?
- Why do think God had you here today? What do you need to take away from the whole worship experience? What are some steps you might need to take to apply this to your life?



SERMON NOTES