

SERMON SERIES: Quest 52
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Sermon Title:

“3 Days to New Life”

Introduction

We celebrated Easter Sunday this week, when we take a moment to reflect on the implications of our risen savior. This week we examined what it looks like to live in the truths of Resurrection Sunday as opposed to living in the defeat of Friday or the doubt of Saturday. What does it look like for us to live in the victory Jesus has over the grave?

- Share a moment or experience when you felt a sense of new beginnings or renewal in your life, similar to the theme of Easter and Jesus' resurrection.

Seek the Word

- Read Matthew 27. Reflect on the reactions of the disciples and followers of Jesus during the events leading up to/after his crucifixion. How do their responses, such as doubt, fear, and disbelief, resonate with your own experiences of faith and trust in challenging times?
- Read Matthew 28. Discuss the significance of Jesus' resurrection. How does the resurrection offer hope and new life to believers? How does it fuel our understanding of faith and salvation?

Go Deeper

Read John 11:25-26. Jesus declares, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die." How does this statement reinforce the message of Easter and the hope found in Jesus' resurrection?

Talk About It

- Reflect on the three days highlighted in the sermon: Friday (Defeat), Saturday (Doubt), and Sunday (Deliverance). Which of these days resonates with you the most in your current life circumstances, and why?
- How can we apply the concept of "Friday living," "Saturday doubting," and "Sunday deliverance" to our own spiritual journeys? Share a personal experience where you've transitioned from a period of defeat or doubt to experiencing deliverance in Christ.
- Baptism was highlighted as an act of identifying with Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection. If you've been baptized, reflect on what that has meant to you. If not, what are your thoughts or hesitations about taking this step of faith?

Wrap Up

Reminder: When Jesus was raised to new life, it proved we can have new life.

Challenge: This week, challenge yourself to actively seek moments of resurrection and renewal in your daily life. Keep a journal throughout the week to document moments of growth and transformation, and reflect on how these experiences deepen your faith and connection with God.