

# WHEN JESUS LEFT THE TOMB

Scripture Reading: John 20:24-31

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## Introduction:

1. God raised Jesus from the dead declaring Him to be the Son of God –Ro 1:4
2. We have received great benefits from the resurrection of Jesus.
3. When Jesus left the tomb, He gave to us...

## I. FAITH

### A. FAITH BEGINS WITH THE GOSPEL -1Co 15:1-4

1. Faith comes through the word of God –Ro 10:17
2. Contained in the word is the gospel –Ro 1:16-17, 1Co 15:1-4
3. It is the preaching of the gospel that leads to salvation -1Co 1:18, 2:1-5, 9:16, 15:11

### B. PROOF POSITIVE

1. There were eye witness accounts -1Co 15:5-9
2. These were willing to die for their faith
  - a. Steven –Ac 7:54-60
  - b. James –Ac 12:1-4
  - c. Priscilla and Aquila –Ro 16:3-4
  - d. Paul -2Co 1:8-10

## II. VICTORY OVER SIN

### A. DEVASTATION OF SIN

1. Sin separates man from God –Is 59:1-2, Pr 14:34  
-E.g. Garden of Eden, Cain, Samson, King Saul
2. Man could do nothing of himself –He 10:4

### B. JESUS HAS THE POWER TO SAVE

1. Through His identity
  - a. He is the Lamb of God –Jn 1:29
  - b. He is the author of our salvation –He 5:9
  - c. He is the only Savior –Jn 14:6, Ac 4:12, 1Ti 2:5
2. Through the blood He shed for us –Jn 19:34
  - a. His blood cleanses us -1Jn 1:7
  - b. His blood redeems us –Ep 1:7, 1Pe 1:18-19
  - c. His blood bought us –Ac 20:28, 1Co 6:18-20

## III. NEWNESS OF LIFE

### A. THE MEANING

1. We arise out of baptism to walk in newness of life –Ro 6:3-4
2. We live for Jesus -2Co 5:14-17

### B. THE APPLICATION

1. We have taken up our cross and followed Jesus –Mk 8:34-38
2. We have been crucified with Jesus –Ga 2:20, 2Co 3:18, Jn 3:30
3. This is not too difficult, for all else is rubbish compared to Christ –Ph 3:8

#### **IV. VICTORY OVER DEATH**

##### **A. JESUS CONQUERED THE GRAVE**

1. He is the Firstborn from the dead –Co 1:18, Re 1:5
2. Victory is found through Jesus -1Co 15:57

##### **B. THE GRAVE IS NOT THE END**

1. We are the church of the Firstborn and our names are registered in heaven! –He 12:23, Lk 10:20
2. Jesus is going to return –1Th 4:13-18, Jn 14:1-4

#### **Conclusion:**

1. The victory over sin and death is what we remember every Lord's Day
2. We honor Christ not only in service on Sunday, but also in our conduct throughout the week.