



# **UN-BROKEN!**

**Romans 6:3-4**

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**Resurrection Sunday Service**

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## Welcome to Calvary Chapel French Valley's Resurrection Sunday service

- We are glad you could be here with us this morning
- Also, welcome to those who are watching online
- Turn to **Matthew 28**
- All four gospels describe the resurrection of Jesus Christ
- The crucifixion took place on a Friday morning
- He died on the cross at about three o'clock
- At sundown on that Friday evening the Sabbath began
- They had just enough time to get Jesus' body hurriedly into the tomb
- The Sabbath lasted until sundown on Saturday evening
- So, the first chance anyone had to get back to the tomb of Jesus was Sunday morning – the third day
- What they discovered when they got there changed the world forever
- And the truth it revealed still has the power to change this world
- And if we are open to it, this radical truth can change our lives today
- **Pray!**

## Teaching

- **UN-BROKEN!**
- Let look at Matthew's recount of the resurrection events
- **Matthew 28:1**
- The fact that Jesus rose from the dead on Sunday is one of the reasons we gather on Sunday's
- For the Jews Sunday was the first workday of the week
- When Jesus was put into the tomb, there wasn't enough time to prepare His body as was customary
- The women were coming to perform this last act of love and respect for Jesus
- There was one problem – Jesus' tomb was covered by two-ton stone
- **Mark 16:2-3**

**Very early in the morning, on the first *day* of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. <sup>3</sup> And they said among themselves, “Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?”**

- God took care of that for them
- **Matthew 28:2-4**
- Angels are pretty radical – two-ton stone – no big deal
- The guards were assigned by the Jewish religious leaders to keep Jesus’ disciples from stealing His body
- They see this angel and faint
- **Matthew 28:5-6**
- That two-ton stone wasn’t keeping Jesus in – it was keeping His people out
- Jesus in His resurrected body was not limited by the laws of nature
- He could pass through solid walls and appear out of thin air
- The angel says to the women, I know why you are here – to take care of Jesus’ body
- Well, He is gone, just as He told His disciples **Matthew 17:22-23**

**Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, <sup>23</sup> and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up.” And they were exceedingly sorrowful.**

- He also used an illustration out of the Old Testament for the religious Jews when they asked for a miracle to prove He was the Messiah **Matthew 12:39-40**

**But He answered and said to them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. <sup>40</sup> 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.**

- It was prophesied that the Messiah would die and that he would be resurrected **Psalms 16:10**

**For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.**

- Sheol is the place of the dead – the OT word for Hades
- Messiah would be killed and go the place of the dead, but God wouldn’t leave Him there
- Would not be there long enough for His physical body to decay

- Even the amount of time Jesus would be in the grave was prophesied  
**Hosea 6:2**

**After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will raise us up, that we may live in His sight.**

- Everything was happening exactly as God had said it would
- Then the angel gives the women instructions
- **Matthew 28:7-8**
- They did and the disciples thought they were joking
- Even after going and looking at the tomb themselves they were skeptical **John 20:9**

**For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead.**

- Turn to **Acts 2**
  - It was only after He appeared to them that they started to believe
  - About fifty days later, Peter, one of Jesus' disciples, preached the first sermon of the newly formed church
  - **Acts 2:22-24**
  - Jesus, God's Son stepped down out of heaven and took on human flesh so that He could defeat mankind's greatest enemies – sin and death
  - All of mankind has been broken by sin **Romans 3:23**
- ...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,...**
- Sin is doing anything that is contrary to God's Word, will, or nature
  - Sin is a disease that was passed down to all humanity from the time Adam and Eve chose to disobey God and eat the forbidden fruit
  - Sin is a virus to which there is no human vaccine – no cure available through human effort
  - It always leads to spiritual and physical death
  - Thankfully, God did provide a cure **Romans 10:8-10**

**But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach): <sup>9</sup> that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**

- To believe in Jesus is to believe that He is everything the Bible says He is

- He is the Savior, the Christ, the Messiah
- That He is God's only begotten Son – that Jesus is God
- That He lived a perfect life
- And that He was crucified and died, not because of anything He had done, but because of what you have done
- Paul also said there in Romans 10:9 that you must believe that God raised Jesus from the dead to be saved
- To be saved means that the guilt of our sin has been washed away
- It means that Jesus took the punishment that we deserved so that we can look to the future without fear of what is going to happen to us when we stand before God – everyone will stand before God!
- It means that the power of sin has been broken in our lies – we no longer have to sin
- It means that death has been conquered
- We may have to experience physical death but that is not the end for us **1 Corinthians 6:14**

**And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.**

- Just as Jesus was raised from physical death, we will be resurrected to eternal life in heaven with Him
- Eternal life in heaven sounds awesome, right?
- But what about today? **Romans 8:11**

**But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.**

- The Bible teaches us that when we believe in Jesus Christ that God the Holy Spirit takes up residence in us
- And the power He used to raise Jesus from the dead is available inside of us to give life to these mortal bodies
- That is referring to spiritual life **Ephesians 2:1**

**And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins...**

- That is part of the promise Jesus made to everyone who will believe in Him **John 10:10**

**The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.**

- Because of faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we now have a choice between letting the Devil steal, kill, and destroy the good that God has for us, or we can choose the abundant life
- It is a choice **Romans 6:3-4**

**Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.**

- And not just any life

**“newness of life” – The quality of being original and of a kind not seen before.**

- On Friday night I talked about how our lives are broken by sin
- Jesus’ death on the cross gives us the hope of being whole again
- Through faith in Him and belief in His sacrifice and resurrection we unleash the power of God in our lives to fix the broken things of our lives
- Imagine if I were to drop an egg – is it possible to put this egg back together? There is not any way I am aware of – Humpty Dumpty
- That is what sin does in our lives
- It breaks things like relationships
- Sin in a marriage can shatter and make it look like there is no hope of it ever looking like it did before
- But the power that raised Jesus from the dead lives inside of each of us
- That power can un-break everything that sin has broken in your life
- Three quick things before we close the service
- If there is something broken in your life – a relationship with a spouse, child, parent, sibling, friend
- Or you could be struggling with your emotions or thoughts
- Or whatever else might be broken in your life: your health; your job; your living arrangements
- First – **Believe**
- Believe that the power that raised Jesus from the dead lives within you
- Believe that God loves you and proved His love by sending Jesus to die in your place

- Believe that God can un-break the broken things of your life
- Second – **Trust**
- Trust in God’s love and power and not in your own strength
- Trust Him enough to wait for Him to act
- Don’t try to fix what only God can fix
- Third – **Love**
- Believe in the power that raised Jesus from the dead
- Trust that God’s love will motivate Him to act on your behalf
- And then Love! Jesus said in Matthew 22 that the greatest thing any human can do in this life is to love God with the whole heart, soul, and mind and then to love others
- Love God by doing what He tells you to do!
- It is miraculous what God can accomplish by His power in the life of someone who will let His love flow through them into the lives of others
- The broken things of your life are no match for the resurrecting power of God
- And if there aren’t any broken things in your life – we rejoice with you – allow the resurrecting power of God to move through you into the lives of people who need it
- I am going to pray in a moment – open your heart, mind, and soul to the loving touch of God
- Give Him your broken things, give Him your hurts, fears, cares, worries, anger, bitterness – everything
- Give Him all that broken stuff and invite Him deeper into your life
- Invite Him to fill your life with His presence
- Invite Him to make you whole
- Let’s pray!