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Good morning church, I want to welcome you to our service today. If this is your first time joining us here on Sunday Online, we would like to welcome, you to our service today and invite you to join us every Sunday for a weekly message.

Let us pray

Introduction

Good morning church, I want to welcome you to our service today and declare that Jesus Christ has risen from the dead!

Today is the day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ! I do not know if you realise what this means but let me explain in this message, what the significance of Jesus Christ's resurrection is:

This proves that Jesus is God of all gods.

The fact that Jesus is risen, means that He is ALIVE right now.

You can name any god that people throughout the earth worship and I can show you their graves, their tombs and their bones are still there because there came a day when they died and were buried and remained DEAD to this day!

Today these gods are DEAD and therefore people who are serving these gods are serving a dead god!

Only Christianity is different because their God is ALIVE. After all, His tomb is empty, and you can go and see His empty tomb in Jerusalem right now!

Yes, Jesus Christ was crucified and yes Jesus Christ died physically but three days later Jesus Christ rose again, and Jesus Christ was seen by more than 500 of His disciples, and Jesus was seen by them, and He ate, drank, spoke, touched and interacted with them for 40 days when before their eyes, Jesus Christ ascended into Heaven.

The Bible says in **Philippians 2:5-11** *“⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage; ⁷ rather, He made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a Servant, being made in Human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a Man, He humbled himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross! ⁹ Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the Name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”*



Jesus Christ knowing that He was God, chose to submit to God's plan for mankind, and He came to earth and live His life as a man with all its limitations and temptations without ever sinning so that He could take on the SIN of the entire human race at the Cross of Calvary and thereby paying the FULL PRICE for the SIN of ALL mankind.

And because He was willing to submit to God's plan and become a servant and submit His Godly power to become a man because only a sinless man could pay the price for all mankind, and He submitted His life to God even until His own death.

Please note Jesus did not die, He gave up His Spirit – **Matthew 27:50** *“⁵⁰ And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.”*

And when He chose to do God's Will and Jesus Paid the full price for sin and thereby reconciling all of mankind to God, Jesus Christ was the Seed of the woman of **Genesis 3:15** and He did destroy the serpent by taking away his power over sin and death by paying the FULL price required for the sin of mankind.

And when Jesus did this, God exalted Jesus Christ to have the Name above every name and that every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is LORD!

That is why Jesus gave us the power of His Name to use when praying to defeat Satan and the demonic realm, including sickness and disease and anything else that would try to set itself up above the Name of Jesus Christ, we have been given this power in **Matthew 18:18-20** and other passages of scripture, but it is ALL in the Name of Jesus Christ.

[His submission has given us access to God](#)

Now here is the good news of the Gospel (The Gospel means Good news), Jesus Christ did this for you and all mankind! What always amazes me is the fact that If you or I were the only sinner in the entire world, Jesus Christ would still go through everything just for you.

The Bible clearly says that even while we did not know Jesus Christ as our Saviour, He died for us and that God demonstrated His love for all mankind that while we were still sinners Jesus died for us.

Romans 5:6-11 *“⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since we have now been justified by His blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through Him! ¹⁰ For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to Him through the death of His Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through His life! ¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.”*



And not only did Jesus die for us but He JUSTIFIED us, which means that at the Cross of Calvary Jesus Christ paid the FULL PRICE for our sin and made us Just as if we have never sinned or sinless. Now you might say Pastor martin I still sin, and I do too but my sin is covered, your sin, the entire human races' sin was covered by the Death and resurrection of Jesus Christ!

Now, this is GOOD NEWS, BUT we have to accept His Death and Resurrection, the full payment for our sin for ourselves. I cannot do it for you, you sinned and so you need to repent of your sin and be reconciled to God through Jesus Christ (**2 Corinthians 5:18**)

And when we do this, we are JUSTIFIED freely, in other words, we are freely pardoned from our sin and saved from God's wrath! And we become reconciled with God because SIN has been removed and we can have peace with God.

No amount of attending church, no giving your money, life or anything you can do will reconcile you to God and appease His wrath for your sin BUT coming through the ONLY WAY God made which is Jesus Christ (**John 14:6**), there is no other WAY but through the Jesus Christ, His Obedience, His submission, His life, Death and Resurrection have given a Way to remove our sin forever but it requires us to ACTION on our behalf.

In closing

This past week is known as the PASSION WEEK where Jesus entered Jerusalem and everyone wanted to crown Him the Messiah, we celebrated that last Sunday with Palm Sunday and then on Monday Jesus cleared the money changes and sellers out of the Temple, then on Tuesday Jesus was anointed for His death but the woman who anointed His feet with oil and washed His feet with her tears, then on Wednesday, Judas speaks to the Pharisees to betray Him and they celebrate the Lord's supper and Jesus is arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane. Thursday He is tried and sentenced to death, and He dies on the Cross of Calvary and placed into the grave, Friday and Saturday He is dead and in His tomb, but on Sunday early He rises from the dead.

What a week that changed the eternal destiny of mankind!

God loves you, so much that He sent His Son to deal with SIN once and for all time. Let me close by reading two passages of scripture

John 3:16-18 *"¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son."*



God loves you, He sent His son to die for you, He does not condemn you if you will believe and accept His son's sacrifice in your place.

Romans 3:23-25 *"²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished"*

We are all sinners and for short of God's standard, but we can be justified, made as if we have never sinned and redeemed from our sin debt, through the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary but we need to receive it by FAITH in God, His Word and the precious Blood of Jesus Christ that redeemed you and I from the penalty of sin.

Let's pray