



Don't Be Afraid; Just Believe!

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Text: Matthew 9:18-26

Passage Summary: When we come to the empty tomb of Jesus, we come to the ultimate _____ for all of humanity, and the ultimate reason why it is that you and I do not need to be _____!

"The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.'"

Matthew 28:5-6

180 Degree Truth #1: See that through the death of Jesus on the cross and His resurrection from the dead we can experience _____ over _____! (9:18-26)

Application: Recognize when it comes to the victory over death that we can experience through Jesus, in involves...

- Victory over our _____ of _____! (v.18-22)

"While Jesus was still speaking, some men came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. 'Your daughter is dead,' they said. 'Why bother the teacher any more?' Ignoring what they said, Jesus told the synagogue ruler, 'Don't be afraid; just believe.'"

Mark 5:35-36

Remember: When it comes to experiencing victory over a fear of death, _____ in Jesus in the face of impossible _____ is the key that unlocks this hope; so go on...don't be afraid, just believe!

- Victory over _____ itself! (v.23-26)

"When I looked at religion I said, I have two questions. One, has anybody ever conquered death, and two, if they have, did they make a way for me to conquer death? I checked the tomb of Buddha, and it was occupied, and I checked the tomb of Confucius and it was occupied, and I checked the tomb of Mohammed and it was occupied, and I came to the tomb of Jesus and it was empty. And I said, 'there is One who conquered death.' And I asked the second question. Did he make a way for me to do it? And I opened the Bible and discovered that He said, 'Because I live ye shall live also.'"

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"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

1 Corinthians 15:55-58

Remember: When it comes to experiencing victory over death itself, faith in Jesus in the face of _____ and _____ is the key that unlocks this hope; so go on...don't be afraid, just believe, and let God determine who will have the last laugh!

"Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth."

Proverbs 27:1

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

John 10:10

Core Conviction to Live By: Resolutely determine the time has come in your life to set aside your excuses, ignore the naysayers, put out the mockers, and _____ to the voice of _____; if you have yet to give your life to Christ, don't be afraid, just believe, and if you have, don't stop believing!