

# *Living Water Fellowship*

*All Saints' Sunday*

*5<sup>th</sup> November 2023*

*COME TO JESUS*

**SONG:** 10,000 Reasons CCLI 384660

**WELCOME & PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

*GROW IN HIS GRACE*

**BIBLE READING:** Mark 16:1-7

<sup>1</sup> Saturday evening, when the Sabbath ended, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, & Salome went out & purchased burial spices so they could anoint Jesus' body.

<sup>2</sup> Very early on Sunday morning, just at sunrise, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup> On the way they were asking each other, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup> But as they arrived, they looked up & saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled aside.

<sup>5</sup> When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side. The women were shocked, <sup>6</sup> but the angel said, "Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid his body. <sup>7</sup> Now go & tell his disciples, including Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died."

**CHILDREN'S TIME:**

**BIBLE READING:** Romans 6:3-11

<sup>3</sup> Have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? <sup>4</sup> For we died & were buried with Christ by baptism into death. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup> Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. <sup>7</sup> For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. <sup>8</sup> Since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, & he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him. <sup>10</sup> When he died, he died once to break the power of sin. But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God. <sup>11</sup> So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin & alive to God through Christ Jesus.

## FAITH CHAT:

1. "Your life as a Christian should make *non*-believers question their *dis*belief in God." What do you think Dietrich Bonhoeffer meant by that?
2. How is the resurrection essential to his understanding?
3. How well do you think the church of 2023 carries that out? Why?

**THE MESSAGE:** *THREE BIG WORDS: HE IS RISEN!*

**OFFERING SONG:** Jesus Strong & Kind CCLI 384660

**PRAYERS:**

**THE COMMUNION:**

*The Words of Institution & The Lord's Prayer:*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

*Worship Video during Communion: O Come to the Altar (Elevation) CCLI 384660*

*GO IN HIS POWER*

**BLESSING:**

**† (Name), child of God, Christ is risen  
and in Him so are you! - Amen.**

**Announcements:**

**SONG:** The Night Song CCLI 384660

*SHOW HIS LOVE*

## Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read Mark 16:1-7 & Romans 6:3-11. What questions immediately come to mind? What do you hear God say to you as you read it a few times to yourself? What do you find to be most important in the texts? Why?
2. What are the details in this story that indicate Mark is writing authentic history & not just making up a convincing tale? Why do those details matter? How would you answer an objection to the resurrection based on Mark's narrative here?
3. What are some reasons people today might struggle with the idea of Jesus' resurrection? What do these struggles perhaps reveal about a person's worldview? How might we lovingly & intelligently respond to them?
4. What is the first command given to the women upon seeing that Jesus has risen? What might we learn from this command today? Why is it important that Peter is especially to be included in the women's witness to the disciples?
5. Read Mark 16:8. What did the women do initially? Why? What does that tell you about your own reluctance to share the gospel with others?
6. Take a minute to read Romans 6:1-2 as well. Why now does Paul link baptism to his answer to the question in verse 1? What happens in baptism?
7. What are some results of believers being united to Christ in both his death & his resurrection? How do you describe that from your own experience? If the opposite of sin is "walking in newness of life", what sort of actions should reflect our new life in Christ?
8. Why do you think the "old self" has to die for us to be freed from sin? Why is it important for us to *be sure* that Christ was raised? Read Ezekiel 36:25-27. How is that promise kept according to Paul here?
9. What does it mean to "reckon, consider, count" in verse 11? How is being dead to sin & alive in Christ an encouragement to you? How can you offer that as a witness to someone else?
10. Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-19. What meaning does Christianity have without the resurrection? What impact in your life would the teachings or lifestyle of Jesus have, if the resurrection had never happened?