

March 27, 2016 EASTER

Series: Arrivals

Sermon Title: Death Was Arrested

Scripture Story:

Luke 24:1-12 (NIV)

¹On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ ” ⁸Then they remembered his words. ⁹When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹²Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

The Key:

Free life through arrested death

Hopelessly LOOKING

Luke 24:1-5 (NIV) ¹On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead?”

Psalms 30:11 (NIV) ¹¹You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

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Time to REMEMBER

Luke 24:6-8 (NIV) ⁶He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' ⁸Then they remembered his words.

Isaiah 25:8 (NIV) ⁸He will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The LORD has spoken.

John 16:20 (NIV) ²⁰Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy.

TELL everyone

Luke 24:9 (NIV) ⁹When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others.

Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV) ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Mark 16:15 (NIV) ¹⁵He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

Challenge Questions:

How will you commit to look for Jesus and His hope this week?

What ways can you remember the promises of God this week?

To whom is God calling you to tell what you are experiencing?

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