

April 16, 2017

Series: I Believe

Sermon Title: *The Resurrection*

Key Scriptures:

Matthew 28:1-6 (NRSV)

¹After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.

The Key:

Coming alive again!

I believe in the resurrection of JESUS (Past)

1 Corinthians 15:3-8 (NRSV) ³For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

The Mission of Clearbranch UMC is
to ENGAGE people through relational ministry,
to EQUIP disciples for Christ and
to EMPLOY their gifts through missions.

I believe in the resurrection of JESUS' FOLLOWERS (Future)

1 Corinthians 15:20-23 (NRSV) ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

1 Corinthians 6:14 (NRSV) ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.

1 Thessalonians 4:16 (NRSV) ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

John 11:25-26 (NRSV) ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

I believe God is still resurrecting DEAD THINGS (Present)

Revelation 1:18 (NRSV) ¹⁸I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever; and I have the keys of Death and of Hades.

Luke 15:24 (NRSV) ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

John 5:25 (NRSV) ²⁵"Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

Ephesians 2:4-5 (NRSV) ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-by grace you have been saved.

Challenge Questions:

What has died in you that needs to come back to life?

What is worth celebrating in your life?

What would it look like for you to live fully?