EASTER WITH CONNECTION POINTE

Death is Defeated

1. Pastor John asked, “If you could have one dead thing raised to life, what would it be?” What does your answer reveal about where you most need Jesus to bring healing, renewal, or freedom right now?
2. Read John 11:21 and John 11:25. Martha speaks from a place of disappointment and loss, but Jesus responds by revealing Himself as “the resurrection and the life.” Where in your life have you started to accept something as dead or beyond hope, and what would it look like to bring that area honestly to Jesus again?
3. Read Romans 5:8 and Romans 10:9. Pastor John preached that Jesus’ victory over sin and death is now available to you. Why is it important that salvation is something we receive by trusting in what Christ has done, rather than something we achieve by trying to fix ourselves?
4. What does scripture reveal about the nature of hope, and how is that different from the kind of hope many non-believers rely on?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 15:42-52. Which part of this passage is most encouraging to you personally? How does the promise of transformation (from perishable to imperishable) speak into your fears about aging, weakness, or mortality?
6. How might 1 Corinthians 15:42-52 bring comfort to someone facing loss, and how is that comfort different from what the world offers?
7. In what ways should the certainty of resurrection influence how you live right now—your priorities, struggles, and sense of identity?

Scripture References

John 10:10b

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 11:21

“Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

John 11:25

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Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying.”

1 Corinthians 15:21-22

For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

Romans 3:23

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 5:8

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 10:9

If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

1 Corinthians 15:21

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1 Corinthians 15:42-44

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It is the same way with the resurrection of the dead. Our earthly bodies are planted in the ground when we die, but they will be raised to live forever. Our bodies are buried in brokenness, but they will be raised in glory. They are buried in weakness, but they will be raised in strength. They are buried as natural human bodies, but they will be raised as spiritual bodies. For just as there are natural bodies, there are also spiritual bodies.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed.

1 Corinthians 15:54-57

Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Takeaways

- What if your most fulfilling life is found in Jesus Christ?
- Death steals our joy, our innocence, our freedom, and life in ways that we are powerless to fight against.
- Whatever is dead in your life, bring it to Jesus.
- **Hero:** The Creator of Life came into our world of Death, as Jesus. He died on the cross to taste our pain, but then He rose from the dead to prove that He alone can resurrect us out of any grave or death.
- Jesus victory over sin and death is now available to you.
- How can you know if Jesus’ claims actually work?
    - Chosen by those who’ve tried every other satisfaction, pleasure, or promise

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