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Focal Text: Matthew 28: 1 - 7 (NLT)

Key Verse: "He is not here; He has risen, just as He said." – Matthew 28:6

Introduction:

Easter celebrates the greatest comeback in history—not of a team or celebrity, but of a King. The resurrection of Jesus changes everything.

Truth #1: The Resurrection Confirms Who Jesus Is and Secures Our Salvation

Scripture References: Romans 1:4; 1 Corinthians 15:17; Romans 4:25

- Jesus' resurrection proves He is the Son of God.
- The resurrection confirms that our sins are forgiven.
- Without the resurrection, our faith is futile.

Life Application:

- Live with assurance—your salvation is secure.
- Let go of guilt—your debt is paid in full.
- Walk in freedom—Christ lives, and so do you.

Truth #2: The Resurrection Gives Hope of Eternal Life

Scripture References: 1 Corinthians 15:20–22; Hebrews 2:14–15; John 11:25

- Jesus' victory over death assures us of our own resurrection.
- Death is no longer a wall but a doorway to eternal life.
- The fear of death is removed through Christ's triumph.

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Point 2 Life Application:

- Face trials with eternal perspective.
- Grieve with hope when losing loved ones in Christ.
- Live courageously, knowing death is defeated.

Truth #3: The Resurrection Empowers Us to Live a New Life

Scripture References: Romans 6:4; Romans 8:11; Colossians 3:1-3

- Believers are a new creation through Christ.
- The same power that raised Jesus empowers us to overcome sin.
- We are called to live in holiness and purpose.

Life Application:

- Live in holiness, not old habits.
- Rely on the Holy Spirit, not just your own strength.
- Focus on eternity, not distractions.
- Serve with joy—your work for Christ matters.

Conclusion: So What Now?

Because He lives:

- You are forgiven.
- You are free.
- You are empowered.

The empty tomb invites a response. Will you let the resurrection change you—not just today, but every day?

→ Invitation (Hymn - "Because He Lives")