

## Summary

Pastor Wilder delivers a powerful Easter sermon emphasizing the transformative significance of Jesus' resurrection. He explores what the world would be like if Christ had not risen - preaching would be in vain, faith would be meaningless, and believers would be miserable. However, because Sunday came and Jesus conquered death, everything changed. The pastor provides evidence for the resurrection through the empty tomb, eyewitness accounts, and the ongoing work of Jesus in believers' lives today. He emphasizes that because Jesus lives, we have hope, power over sin and death, and the promise of eternal life.

## Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, we come before You on this resurrection Sunday with grateful hearts. Thank You for the gift of Your Son Jesus Christ and His victory over death. As we gather together to study Your Word, we ask that You open our hearts and minds to receive what You want to teach us today. Help us to be receptive to Your Spirit's leading and to encourage one another in our faith. May our discussion bring glory to Your name and strengthen our understanding of the hope we have in the risen Savior. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

## Ice Breaker

What is your favorite Easter tradition or memory from childhood, and why does it stand out to you?

## Key Verses

1. Luke 24:1-12
2. Luke 24:6

## Questions

1. The pastor asks us to imagine what life would be like if Christ had not risen. How does this perspective help you appreciate the significance of Easter?
2. What evidence does the pastor present for Jesus' resurrection, and which piece of evidence do you find most compelling?
3. The women came to the tomb expecting to find Jesus' body but discovered He was alive. How do you handle situations when God's plans differ from your expectations?
4. Pastor Wilder mentions that the stone was rolled away not to let Jesus out, but to let people in to see He was gone. What does this reveal about God's desire for us to witness His power?
5. The sermon emphasizes that 'because He lives, we can face tomorrow.' What current challenge in your life needs this resurrection hope?

6. How has Jesus 'moved in your life' in ways that confirm to you that He is alive today?
7. The pastor describes Jesus getting up 'with all power in his hands.' What areas of your life need Jesus' resurrection power right now?
8. How should the reality that 'Sunday is here' change the way we live our daily lives throughout the week?

## **Life Application**

This week, identify one area of your life where you need resurrection power - whether it's a broken relationship, a difficult situation, or a personal struggle. Each morning, remind yourself that 'Sunday is here' and Jesus has power over that situation. Pray specifically for His intervention and look for ways He might be working, even in small ways. Share your experience with someone else as a testimony to the living Christ.

## **Key Takeaways**

1. Without Christ's resurrection, all preaching, faith, and hope would be meaningless and in vain
2. There is substantial evidence for Jesus' resurrection including the empty tomb, eyewitness accounts, and His ongoing work in believers' lives
3. Because Jesus conquered death, believers have power over sin, death, and any impossible situation
4. The resurrection gives us hope for eternal life and the promise that Jesus is coming back for His church
5. Sunday is here - meaning the power and victory of resurrection is available to us right now, not just a historical event

## **Ending Prayer**

Lord Jesus, we thank You that Sunday is indeed here and that You are alive and working in our lives today. Help us to live each day with the confidence and joy that comes from knowing You have conquered death and the grave. When we face trials and difficulties, remind us that You have all power in Your hands and that nothing is impossible with You. Strengthen our faith and help us to be witnesses of Your resurrection power to others. We look forward to that great day when You return for Your church. Until then, may we live as people who truly believe that Sunday is here. In Your powerful name we pray, Amen.