



SERIES:	Topical
MESSAGE:	Say It Loud: He's Alive! - Easter Sunrise Service 2014
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SCRIPTURE:	Psalm 22:31; Matthew 28:1-8

MESSAGE SUMMARY

There are many messages we want to shout out loud, but there is only one that is truly worthy of being proclaimed. In Psalm 22, we see the anguish and humiliation of the cross progress into the accomplishment of the cross. We learn how we can navigate our lives by Jesus' resurrection so that this message only grows louder in our lives. We have the best news, so we should say it loud: He's alive!

DETAILED NOTES

- I. Introduction
 - A. What message is there worth shouting about?
 - B. The one guy who claimed He could give everlasting life was killed, but He got back up and rose from the dead
 - C. There's the old saying: "You can't keep a good man down"; on Easter we say, "You can't keep the God-man down"
 - D. Why is our theme *Say It Loud*?
 1. It's part of the theme of Psalm 22, a psalm that predicts the suffering Savior
 2. Psalm 22 begins with the anguish of the cross (see v. 1) and ends with the accomplishment of the cross
 - E. "They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born, that He has done this" (Ps. 22:31)
 1. The psalmist anticipates an ever-growing number of people throughout history who would become believers
 2. As this group gets bigger and bigger, the volume gets louder and louder
 - F. When Jesus rose from the dead, the disciples turned up the volume of their message
 1. The New Testament speaks of the resurrection of Christ 300 times
 2. It was the theme of all the apostles who preached the gospel
 3. We have something to sing and shout about
 - G. Big Ben's chimes correspond to four musical notes of Handel's *Messiah*: "I know that my Redeemer lives"
 1. All the people in London navigate their day by the resurrection of Jesus Christ
 2. We should navigate our lives by the resurrection of Jesus Christ
 - H. There are four notes we ought to play: come, see, go, tell
 1. These are the directions the angels give the women when they come to Jesus' tomb in Matthew 28:1-8
 2. The stone wasn't rolled away to let Jesus out; it was rolled away to let people in

II. Come

- A. It's a word of invitation
- B. A lot would keep the women from coming to Jesus' tomb
 - 1. Natural fear; cemeteries are spooky
 - 2. An empty tomb; they were looking for a corpse
 - 3. Guards: ten to sixteen Jewish or Roman guards, probably armed
- C. Jesus never said, "Go away. You bother Me. I'm too busy"
 - 1. His word was always, "Come"
 - 2. He invited people to come to Him, walk with Him, and follow Him
 - 3. John 1:38-39
 - 4. Matthew 19:14; Luke 18:16
 - 5. Matthew 19:21; Mark 10:21; Luke 18:22
- D. Have you come to Jesus Christ personally?
- E. The word *come* is so refreshing and inviting—the religion of Jesus' day was not inviting, but intimidating
 - 1. It was not characterized by open arms, but folded arms
 - 2. It didn't welcome people; it kept people back
 - 3. It was highly restrictive
 - a. There were only 6,000 Pharisees
 - b. Luke 11:46; Matthew 23:4
 - 4. It was overprotective
 - a. The religious leaders spoke of the laws of God as a spiritual fence
 - b. When you build a fence to keep people in, with that same fence you keep other people out
 - c. So many people of Jesus' day felt like they were being kept out
 - d. The temple had separate places for men, women, and Gentiles
 - 5. It was mostly negative
 - a. The system made you feel like no matter how much you worked or how much you tried, it was never good enough
 - b. Matthew 15:2; John 5:9-10
 - 6. Imagine how refreshing it was when people heard Christ say, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28)

III. See

- A. See means to perceive, understand, experience, encounter
- B. If *come* is a word of invitation, then *see* is a word of investigation
 - 1. You don't say, "Come and see" if you've got something to hide; you say it if you have something to show other people
 - 2. Christianity has nothing to hide
 - 3. John 1:45-46
 - 4. Taste and experience if the Lord isn't real and can change your life
- C. Once you come, you will see
 - 1. Trusting Jesus Christ is not a blind leap into the abyss of religion
 - 2. It's a thoughtful examination of the facts as they are presented
- D. What is there for these ladies to see at the tomb?
 - 1. The humility of God
 - a. Philippians 2:7

- b. No other religion has at its heart the humiliation of its god
 - c. The Son of God became a man to enable men to become sons of God
 - 2. The reality of sin
 - a. Sin killed Jesus Christ
 - b. I Corinthians 15:3
 - c. Jesus took sin so seriously that He left heaven, came to this earth, and bore your personal sin on His body, paying the price for you
 - d. Isaiah 53:5
 - 3. The mortality of man
 - a. When you look in a grave, you're looking at your future
 - b. Hebrews 9:27
 - 4. The victory of Christ—the angel wanted the women to see nothing: "He's not here"
 - E. Jesus Christ has three credentials
 - 1. His impact on human history; all of history changed because of Him—even the calendar
 - 2. Fulfilled prophecy; over 300 predictions in the Old Testament
 - 3. His resurrection; He conquered death
- IV. Go and Tell
 - A. It's great to come and see, but don't stay at the empty tomb
 - B. The angel wanted the women's fascination to become declaration
 - C. We don't have good news, we have *great* news, the best news—let's say it loud
 - D. The message is going to get louder; Matthew 28:19
 - E. Go and tell people how an empty tomb can make for a satisfied and full life
 - F. If you're a believer, then you need to go and tell
 - 1. You have a living Savior to proclaim to a dying world
 - 2. You have the best news story going; don't be ashamed of it
 - G. Paralyzed preacher: "How terrible it is to wake up on Easter with no voice to shout, 'He is risen!' Worse still is to have a voice and not want to shout"
- V. Closing
 - A. If you haven't come to Jesus Christ personally, then the command for you is to come
 - B. You have a living Savior to receive in your dying soul
 - C. Twenty-two years after Abraham Lincoln died, a rumor spread that his body was not in the grave; this happened again after another seventeen years
 - 1. They dug up his coffin; his body was still there
 - 2. The witnesses did these four things: they came, saw, went, and told
 - D. The same rumors spread about Jesus a few days after His death; this time, they were right—not because His body was stolen, but because He got up
 - E. Lincoln can't help you; Buddha can't help you; Muhammad can't help you—they're all dead
 - F. Jesus Christ is the only one who rose from the dead, and if you call on His name, there is power to change your life
 - G. If you're a believer, go and tell; if you're an unbeliever, come and check it out

Figures referenced: George Frideric Handel, Abraham Lincoln, Buddha, Muhammad

Cross references: Psalm 22:1, 31; Isaiah 53:5; Matthew 11:28; 15:2; 19:14, 21; 23:4; 28:1-8, 19; Mark

10:21; Luke 11:46; 18:16, 22; John 1:38-39, 45-46; 5:9-10; 1 Corinthians 15:3; Philippians 2:7; Hebrews 9:27

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