

ULC Sermon Study Resource
He is Risen // Risen to Bring Life
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Prayer: Pause for a few moments to go to the Lord in prayer. Ask that He would draw near to you in this time, and open your heart and mind to hear His Word.

Icebreaker: What is the best meal you've eaten recently?

Reading: John 20:30-31

Outline:

- I. Jesus is alive (v. 30)
 - A. Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, John tells us in the midst of Jesus' resurrection appearances, Jesus performed other signs in the presence of his disciples that weren't included in his biography of Jesus.
 - B. "One collects everything possible about a dead prophet. It is all one has of him. But one tells only enough of a living person to introduce one's hearers to him. For the disciples, and John in particular, Jesus was alive." -Leon Morris
Q: How do you feel knowing Jesus performed other signs that we don't know about?
- II. Jesus changes everything (v. 31)
 - A. John tells us that he hasn't written all of Jesus's signs because He is alive and we can know Him, but the things John *did* write are so that we may come to believe in Him.
 - B. "We know that the good news of Jesus's death and resurrection, literally transforms the world. That today, literally billions of people across the globe believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior, the vast majority of them living thousands of miles from where Jesus walked the earth." -Pastor Gabe
Q: What does believing that Jesus is the Son of God change for you personally?
- III. There is life in his name (v. 31)
 - A. For ancient people, someone's name expressed their whole person. So, John is inviting us to find life by believing in the person of Jesus Christ. We find life in his name by no longer being dead to sin and by finding eternal life in Him. However, we also know He is with us through all of life.
 - B. "He rose again and ate broiled fish, so that the mundane things of life are now shot through with meaning because he is alive and present and unites himself to you." -Pastor Gabe
Q: When have you felt most like you've found life in Jesus's name?

Reflection/Application Questions:

- 1) Why can't we also collect the most information possible for people who are alive, like Jesus?
- 2) What might have been the other works Jesus did?
- 3) How can we remind ourselves that Jesus changes everything even when our material circumstances don't change?
- 4) How can we seek Jesus in the mundane?

Suggestions for further study:

- 1 Corinthians 10:11 Q: How does this verse shed light on how we can use verses like John 20:30?
- 1 John 5:10-13 Q: How do these verses share similarities with John 20:31?

Closing Prayer:

Dear Jesus, we thank you that you are alive and that you invite us to know you. Teach us to see you in every area of our life. Continue to remind us of your victory over death and the life we find in you. Amen.