

Fear Not. Jesus Lives! Matthew 27:62 - 28:15

Main Point: Jesus lives in spite of all your fears.

- Fear tries to _____ outcomes, but Jesus lives! (62-66)
 - Fear trusts human _____ more than God's word
 - Fear trusts human _____ more than God's work

In spite of fear's _____, Jesus lives as my King!

- Fear _____ your life, but Jesus lives! (1-10)
 - Fear deadens your _____ of Jesus
 - Fear deadens your _____ for Jesus

In spite of fear's _____, Jesus lives as my King!

- Fear _____ the truth, but Jesus lives! (11-15)
 - Fear lies and changes God's _____
 - Fear lies and discredits God's messengers

In spite of fear's _____, Jesus lives as my King!

Application: Do not be afraid. Come, Believe, Go, and Tell!

- Joyfully _____: "come and see" that Jesus is alive!
- Joyfully _____: "go and tell" that Jesus is alive!

BACK:

Recommended Resources on Christ's Resurrection:

- Luke 24:36-49
- John 5:25; 11:25-26; 14:19-20
- Acts 1:3; 4:33; 17:31
- Romans 1:1-6; 4:24-25; 6:4-11; 8:34
- 1 Corinthians 15, esp. 1-8, 20-23
- Philippians 3:10-11
- Colossians 2:12-15
- 1 Thessalonians 4:14
- Hebrews 7:25

- 1 Peter 1:3
- <https://blog.tms.edu/resurrection-in-the-old-testament>
- <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/jesus-was-raised-to-show-his-power-over-death/>
- *Lifted*, Sam Allberry
- *The Case for Easter*, Lee Strobel

Growing Deeper: Life Group Questions

1. Review Matthew 28:11-15 and Romans 1:16. Have you ever been tempted to change God's message, or discredit someone who is boldly proclaiming God's saving grace for undeserving sinners? How does the reality of Jesus' resurrection conquer fear's lies in our evangelism?
2. Review Matthew 26:32; 28:7, 10, 16. Why do you think Jesus met with his disciples in Galilee after his resurrection, especially since the ascension took place back in Jerusalem 40 days later (Acts 1:4-12)?
3. How does Christ's Resurrection benefit us? Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-19 and discuss how vital the living Christ is to your daily life today.
4. Read 2 Timothy 1:7. How does fear increase your self-reliance while feeding your doubt in God's control? How does your fear deaden your own worship or witness of Jesus?