

# Faith Talk - April 5, 2026

**Series:** Easter Sunday

**Sermon:** The Resurrection Changes Everything

**Scripture:** Luke 24:1-12; Romans 6:3-10

## Romans 6:4

*Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in newness of life.*

## Sermon Summary

This Easter sermon proclaims that Jesus' resurrection is the most profound event in human history, changing everything for believers. Through Romans 6:3-10, the Apostle Paul explains that when we believe in Jesus as our Savior, we are spiritually baptized into His death and resurrection, dying to sin's penalty and power while being raised to "newness of life," a brand-new, fresh, never-before-seen resurrected life lived in relationship with God.

The message clarifies the difference between resuscitation (like Lazarus, who would die again) and resurrection (Jesus entering a new, glorified life never to die again). Believers don't improve their old life; they let it die to experience a completely new, resurrected life. Using the illustration of a tranquilized African lion, the sermon explains that sin has been "rendered powerless," still present but no longer ruling over those in Christ.

## Main Points

- **If the resurrection is true, everything will be okay** - all sadness will come untrue and be made greater
- **We die with Christ to be raised with Christ** - spiritually baptized into His death and resurrection
- **Newness of life - a brand-new, fresh, never-before-seen** resurrected life - not improved old life but completely new life in Christ
- **Sin has been rendered powerless** - like a tranquilized lion, present but unable to rule

## Discussion Questions

### Conversations with Adults

1. The fundamental lie from the garden is that "life is better on our own terms." The truth of the resurrection is "Life lived in a broken world is better lived as a follower of Jesus." Where might you be living on your own terms rather than following Jesus?
2. The sermon says some people try to "resuscitate" to keep their old life alive rather than let it die. What areas of your life might you be trying to improve instead of allowing to die completely for new life to emerge?

3. Sin is described as "rendered powerless" like a tranquilized lion. How does understanding that sin's power is broken (not just forgiven) change your approach to battling specific temptations?

### **Conversations with Students**

1. The fundamental lie from the garden is that "life is better on our own terms." The truth of the resurrection is "Life lived in a broken world is better lived as a follower of Jesus." Where might you be living on your own terms rather than following Jesus?
2. What would "brand-new, fresh, never-before-seen resurrected life" look like for you practically at school, with friends, or in your activities?
3. Romans 6:6 says your "old self was crucified with Christ." If someone followed you around for a week, would they see more evidence of "old self" or "new life"? What needs to change?

### **Conversations with Kids**

1. Jesus didn't just come back to life; He came back in a special, forever body that will never die. How is that different from when someone gets better from being sick?
2. When you believe in Jesus, God gives you a "brand new life." What do you think that means?
3. Sin is like a sleeping lion; it can't hurt you anymore because Jesus won. What does that mean when you're tempted to do something wrong?

## **Closing Prayer**

*Heavenly Father, thank You for the resurrection of Jesus Christ that changes everything. We're grateful that because Jesus rose from the dead, everything sad will come untrue and everything broken will be made whole. We ask for help in truly understanding what it means to die with Christ and be raised to newness of life. Help us stop trying to resuscitate old patterns that need to die. Give us faith to believe that sin's power has been rendered powerless in our lives.*

*We commit to walking as resurrection people, experiencing the brand-new, fresh, never-before-seen quality of life that comes from a relationship with You. May our lives bear witness to the fact that the resurrection transforms us daily. In Jesus' name, Amen.*