

Thank you for celebrating Easter at The Rivers Church. We believe Christ transforms our lives and builds his church upon the confession that 'Jesus is Lord' (Matthew 16). We acknowledge our need of the fresh, daily empowering presence of the Holy Spirit (John 7:38), enabling us to LOVE, MEND, TRAIN, SERVE each other, our community, and our world.

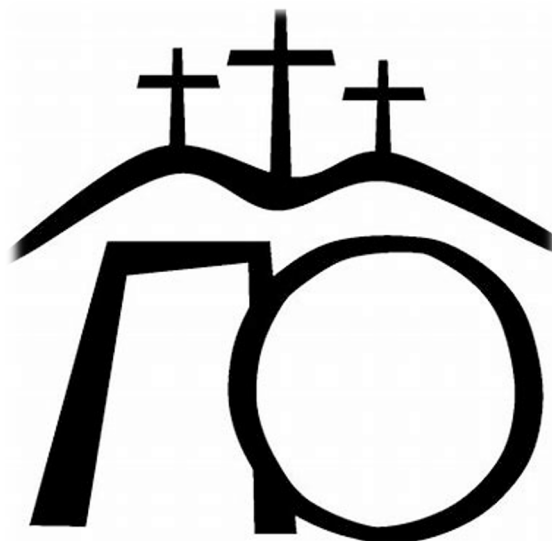
Matthew 16: 15-17 Jesus asked. "Who do you say I am?"<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."<sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven."<sup>18</sup> And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."

John 7:38 Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, *rivers of living water* will flow from within them.

Here's a preview of the coming weeks:

April 11	Spirit Gifted - The Declarative Gifts
April 18	A Life Transformed
April 25	Spirit Gifted - The Dynamic Gifts
May 2	Spirit Gifted - The Gifts of Calling
May 9	Mother's Day
May 16	The Language of Heaven
<i>"Life Changers" Six Discoveries that changed my Life And might change yours too!</i>	
May 23	The Perfect Will of God
May 30	Relational Integrity
June 6	Iniquities and Inner Vows
June 13	The Four Laws of Marriage
June 20	Put God First
June 27	Sowing and Reaping

# He Is Risen



## It's Easter Sunday

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Luke 24:1-9: Early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared.<sup>2</sup> They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance.<sup>3</sup> So they went in, but they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus.<sup>4</sup> As they stood there puzzled, two men suddenly appeared to them, clothed in dazzling robes.<sup>5</sup> The women were terrified and bowed with their faces to the ground. Then the men asked, "Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive?"<sup>6</sup> He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Remember what he told you back in Galilee,<sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man<sup>[b]</sup> must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and that he would rise again on the third day."<sup>8</sup> Then they remembered that he had said this.<sup>9</sup> So they rushed back from the tomb to tell his eleven disciples—and everyone else—what had happened.

### ***Because He is Risen . . . .***

#### **I. I am** \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 4:25 Jesus was handed over to be crucified for the forgiveness of our sins and was raised back to life to prove that he had made us right with God!

#### **II. I am** \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 8:10-12 And Christ lives within you, so even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God.<sup>11</sup> The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.<sup>12</sup> Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do.

Romans 5:10 So if while we were still enemies, God fully reconciled us to himself through the death of his Son, then something greater than friendship is ours. Now that we are at peace with God, and because we share in his resurrection life, how much more we will be rescued from sin's dominion!

#### **III. I am** \_\_\_\_\_

John 1:33 I didn't know he was the one, but when God sent me to baptize with water, he told me, 'The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and rest is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.

John 16:7 But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you.

John 14:6 (NLV) Then I will ask My Father and He will give you another Helper. He will be with you forever.

John 14:26 (NLV) The Helper is the Holy Spirit. The Father will send Him in My place. He will teach you everything and help you remember everything I have told you.

Ephesians 5:18 Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit

#### **IV. I Will Live** \_\_\_\_\_

John 6:47b-51, 58 "I tell you the truth, anyone who believes has eternal life.<sup>48</sup> Yes, I am the bread of life!<sup>49</sup> Your ancestors ate manna in the wilderness, but they all died.<sup>50</sup> Anyone who eats the bread from heaven, however, will never die.<sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever.<sup>58</sup> I am the true bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will not die as your ancestors did (even though they ate the manna) but will live forever."

John 11:25-26 (TPT) Jesus said, "*You don't have to wait until then.* I am the Resurrection, and I am Life Eternal. Anyone who clings to me in faith, even though he dies, will live forever.<sup>26</sup> And the one who lives by believing in me will never die.

Romans 6:9 And we know that since the Anointed One has been raised from the dead to die no more, his **resurrection** life has vanquished death and its power over him is finished.

1 Peter 1:3 (TPT) Celebrate with praises the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has shown us his extravagant mercy. For his *fountain of mercy* has given us a new life—we are reborn to experience a living, energetic hope through the **resurrection** of Jesus Christ from the dead.