

APRIL 9, 2023

A DIFFERENT KIND OF LIFE



JOHN 20:1-18

Because Jesus rose from the dead

we know that ...

1) Our life has value which cannot be taken away.

Romans 5:8 ... *"but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."*

2) Our life has purpose beyond ourselves.

Matthew 22:37–39 ... *"And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

3) Our life will never end.

John 20:18 ... *"Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her."*

What kind of life am I living for?

- 1) What different circumstances cause us to question our value? How does knowing our value is given by God help?
- 2) What is the purpose for which you were created? In what ways are you fulfilling this purpose?
- 3) Consider your daily schedule, what activities in your daily schedule are focused on your life on earth? What activities are focused on your life after death? (*Some activities will be focused on both*)

Memory Verse for April

"The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.'"

Exodus 34:6-7

The resurrection changes everything

"And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep."

1 Corinthians 15:17-20