

Introduction - Series

I. The Event

1. Here - seems simple
2. Roller Coaster
 - Palm Sunday
 - Agony of Gethsemane
 - Crucifixion - execution
 - Crown of thorns
 - Nails in hands and feet
 - Spear
 - Thirst
 - Mocking
 - spit on
 - “he saved others”
 - critique
 - robe
 - scepter and crown
 - Desertion - where are the crowds?
 - Palm branches?
 - Where are the disciples?
 - There are crows to
 - watch Him die
 - to gather in “trial”
 - of religious people - the Jewish leaders
 - Romans
 - The aloneness - why hast thou forsaken me?
3. Luke 24 - we thought He was the one
 - believers have become unbelievers
4. One by one - within appearances -
 - Come to believe
 - here two Mary's - other Mary and Mary Magdalene
 - tell disciples
 - 40 days there are appearances
 - 50 days till Pentecost - “penta” means “five - like “Pentagon”
 - 40 days of appearances, then Holy Spirit comes
5. He's alive
 - !!). one by one nature of our faith
 - here in scripture
 - everyone has to make their own decision
 - parents for kids? - handed down?
 - in the crowd - not necessarily in the faith
 - Each person - their own faith
 - ex - after Lazarus

-after man let down through roof
Matt. 28:17 - some doubted - Thomas unless I put my hand
-Jesus, the week before, rode into a city that did it's worst and He rose again

II. The Principle

1. Others raised - physically
 - Lazarus - John 11
 - two nameless - widow of Nain's son - Luke 7:11-18
 - Jairus' daughter - Mk 5
2. Parenthetically - these three
 - Before this - Old Testament resurrections
 - After this - Acts resurrection - Eutachus - Acts 20:9 - Paul
3. The idea is taught - we die to live
 - Ex - the seed falls to the ground and dies
 - God has written into the fabric of the universe - death and resurrection
 - bears hibernate
 - trees all but die
 - winter -bleak, dark, lifeless
 - Duck Eggs - ill
4. Principle:
 - humble yourself under the hand of God - 1 Peter 5:6; James 4:10
 - baptism - buried with Him by baptism
 - washing feet
 - get down
 - serving others
 - whoever's greatest will be your servant - Mt. 23:11-12
5. What began as an event, is also our lifestyle
6. After washing feet -
 - do you know what I've done?
 - given you an example
 - didn't come to BE served He came to serve
 - Luke 9:3 - deny himself, take up HIS cross and follow me
7. This is the way, of life
 - Not JUST an event
 - But ALSO His lifestyle
 - Not just the way to heaven
 - The way to live life

Segue

The Event = Easter
The Principle = He taught by how He lived

III. The Person

1. Jesus
 - His teachings are lived out by teacher

- by His actions - died to self
- by His words- died to self
- never too busy
- never impatient
- always concerned - and caring
- getting involved
- He GAVE His life away - He rose - forever

2. AND - His resurrection brings my resurrection

At the end of earthly life

At the beginning as I surrender my life

3. God will make a way

God did make a way

To be born again = now

Another kind of life

You hath He “quickened” - made alive - who were dead (Eph. 2)

4. He made a way... To live

-to live then

-to live now - BOTH

He opened the door!

-to live - Himself stone rolled away

-to eternal life for us

-to an eternal life that begins now

Said “because I live you shall live also”

It is Finished!

It is not Over!