

## **Just Getting Started (Easter 2018)**

### **Luke 24:1-12 New King James Version (NKJV)**

**He Is Risen**

24 Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. 2 But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. 3 Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. 5 Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? 6 He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, 7 saying, ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.’”

8 And they remembered His words. 9 Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. 10 It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles. 11 And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them. 12 But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened.

### **Friday night we talked about The Cross:**

- **The cross was a necessity**
- **It established the sacrifice necessary for our forgiveness of sin**
- **Jesus “sealed the deal” by saying “It is finished”**

### **We like to talk about the “free gift of grace”**

- **But you need to realize that when you receive that gift...**
- **There was a high price paid for you on the cross!!**

**The cross paid the price for your sin...**

**But the resurrection opened the door for your everlasting life in Heaven!!!**

### **Everything that Jesus promised**

- **Every blessing**
- **Every open door**
- **Your future and your hope**
- **Hinged on Jesus Coming out of that tomb alive**

**And praise God He did!!!  
And praise God He is alive today!!!**

**So, if you know Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior...**

- **You are no longer bound by an eternal death**
- **Separated from God and Heaven**

**If you know Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior...**

- **You are born again into new life**
- **Everlasting life with Him in Heaven**
- **When your natural life on this Earth is done**

**But here's what I want to talk to you about today...**

- **Born again, and**
- **Birthed with a purpose!!**

**We talked about Jesus saying "It is Finished" on the cross**

- **When Jesus walked out of that tomb, he said**
- **We're just getting started!!!!**

**Let's look back at something that Jesus spoke a little earlier, that was speaking about life after The Resurrection/**

**Matthew 10:34-39**

**Christ Brings Division**

34 "Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. 35 For I have come to 'set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law'; 36 and 'a man's enemies will be those of his own household.' 37 He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. 38 **And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.** 39 He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

**We've been talking about "The Cross of Christ"**

- **Now I want to talk to you about your cross!!**

**Don't get too worked up over this scripture...**

- **Jesus wants you to love you family**
- **He doesn't want to divide families**

### **Jesus simply wants to be Number One in your life!!**

- Is that really a lot to ask for someone that died for you
- Someone who washed away your sin
- Offered you an everlasting life in Heaven!!!
- **Jesus doesn't want anything between you and Him...**
- And He said, "We're just getting started...."

**Again...born into new life with new purpose...**

**That's your cross**

- Your burden
- Your calling
- Your calling
- Your purpose
- Your destiny

**Not "That Cross" (point to the wooden cross)**

- That was His Cross
- And He did his Part
- You have to pick up your cross
- Do your part....

**The only way Jesus died in vain is if we refuse to carry our cross and follow after Him....**

**John 3:16**

**God so loved the world...God so loved you... That He saved you...**

- Saved you from an eternity in Hell...
- Saved you to everlasting life in Heaven...
- But He saved you for a purpose...

**Do you know what your purpose is?**

- Carry out the Great Commission...
- Encourage and edify those around you
- To be salt and light in this world
- To be part of The Five Fold Ministry...

**If you hang out with Jesus a little, He will show you your purpose**

- He will show you your cross

**Spend some time with Him...**

- **Read your Bible...**
- **Go to church services...**
- **Come to Bible Study**
- **Get involved in a discipleship program**
- **Pray**
- **Fast**
- **Find a mentor**

**Don't let anything stand in the way between you and your cross...**

**His love for you was so strong; He didn't let anything stand in the way of carrying His cross...**

- **Fulfilling His purpose**
- **He went all the way!!!**

**What's standing between you and your cross?**

**What's preventing you from doing all you can for Christ?**

- **You're just getting started!!**

**Don't you see...**

- **You should feel very special...**
- **Not only did Jesus die for you... Because of His Great love for you...**
- **But He also believes in you!!**
- **He believes in you enough to use you in the building of His Kingdom!!!**

**What's between you and your cross?**

**Your past... "It is finished"...**

**Your future... "We're just getting started!!**

**Altar Call**