

Series: The Book of Daniel

Sermon: He Lives!

Passage: Daniel 6 (ESV)

Illustration:

Need: God's people need to be reminded of God's deliverance, sometimes from death like Daniel, but all the time through resurrection because of Jesus (the better Daniel).

I. A Faithful Prophet

- **6:1-4**
- There is no substitute for character (Integrity) in the life of a faithful Christian.
- **6:5-10**
- If you don't walk with God prior to persecution you're not likely to start when it comes.
- **6:11-13**
- Followers of Jesus need to expect to be maligned and slandered as "wrong doers."
- **6:14-18**
- Following Jesus will cost you everything, even your life. "He is no fool to give what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." Jim Elliot
- **6:19-24**
- (To the people of Judah/Israel) Remain faithful to me. I am able to deliver. Keep your eyes on my kingdom to come and wait for the One through whom it will arrive. I will deal with those who oppose you according to my will.
- (To the people of God by faith in the One, Jesus) The resurrection of Jesus Christ stands as our guarantee of absolute deliverance now and forever!

II. The Risen Savior!

- High officials conspired to kill Him but no fault was found in Him.
- He remained completely faithful and surrendered to His Father.
- He was insulted by His accusers.
- The man in authority knew He was not a criminal and sought a way to release Him.
- He was innocent yet sentenced to and suffered death.
- A stone was placed to secure His grave and sealed with a signet.
- His followers went to the grave early in the morning with little hope and no faith.
- His followers were amazed to find that He had Risen from the dead!
- One day those who reject Him will experience His divine justice. But today, they hear the invitation to come to Him by faith for forgiveness and salvation.
- **6:25-28**

III. Our Response

- Trust in Jesus, the crucified and risen Savior, by faith believing and surrendering to Him.
- Renew your faith in Jesus, repent & confess any sin in your life, reengage in following Him by faith daily.
- Stand in confidence in the One who has and will deliver - He Lives! He is Risen!