

Series: Easter Sunday

Sermon: #YouMatter

Passage: Various

Illustration:

Need: The message of Easter declares just how much #YouMatter!

I. We declare that Jesus is Risen! (Luke 24:1-12)

- We declare that Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ, Messiah, God the Son, was crucified according to God's eternal plan to redeem mankind from sin.
- We declare that Jesus was buried and was raised to life from the dead bodily on the first day of the week following His death as the victorious Savior and King of kings.
- We declare that the resurrected Jesus was seen by His disciples and many others in the days following His resurrection.
- We declare that Jesus ascended back into heaven where He is now at His Father's side awaiting the command to return to this earth in order to visibly establish His kingdom that has already been inaugurated.
- We declare that salvation and forgiveness of sins comes to followers of Jesus only by God's grace through repentant faith.

II. The message of Easter declares just how much #YouMatter!

- The death and resurrection of Jesus proves how much you matter to your creator, even at your absolute worst. (**Rom. 5:8**)
- You matter so much that He'll set you free from sin so that you can follow Him obediently. (Rom. 6:6-11)
- You matter so much that He'll come to dwell with you to strengthen and lead you into His plan for your life and through all the circumstances you face. (Rom. 8:1-11)
- You matter so much that when you fail (and you will, a lot) that He'll forgive and restore you by simple confession of your sin. (1 John 1:9)
- You matter so much that He'll equip you with abilities to serve Him and sharpen others. (Rom. 12:6-8)
- You matter so much that He'll fit you together with other believers in His collective body (the church) to sharpen and build one another. (1 Cor. 12:12-31; Eph. 4:1-16) #WeMatter
- You matter so much that He'll send you on mission to tell others about Him and about how much #TheyMatter! (Matt. 28:19-20)

III. How much does it Matter?

- Maybe you are here and curious. You'd like to know more about what you've heard today. We're excited to continue the conversation.
- Maybe you recognize that you have never responded in simple faith to the invitation to follow Jesus. Today would be a great day to surrender yourself to Him.
- Maybe you are already a follower of Jesus but have just forgotten how much YouMatter to Him. Today would be a great day to let Him define your worth and not the other voices surrounding you.
- Maybe you are a follower of Jesus but have either never really stepped into the place prepared for you in the body or you have allowed yourself to fall away. Today would be a great day to get reconnected and reengage with us.
- Maybe you are a follower of Jesus but have forgotten how much TheyMatter and how much they need to hear the gospel from you. Today would be great day to ask God to forgive your lack of witness and recommit to sharing your faith.