

JESUS IS _____.

THE VICTORIOUS, EVER-PRESENT GOD
(Message One)

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Today is Easter. What better day could there be to begin a series of messages that explores Jesus – the Man, the Messiah, the Mystery, the Message, the Meaning.

The question Jesus asked Peter is still one that each of us must come to grips with – “Who do you say that I am?” (Matthew 16:15) Today, we begin at the end of his life on earth. Next week, we’ll go to beginning.

HOLY OR HOLLOW?

1 Corinthians 15:14, 17, 19, *If Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty...If Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sin...If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.* (NKJV)

It is the resurrection that puts the **good** in Good Friday and makes the news **good**.

Our preaching is **full** of grace and truth. Our faith **abounds** in hope, and our sins are **forgiven**. We are not pathetic people but people of **purpose**.

Jesus stands alone in history.



Matthew 28: 1-15

The first day of the week

The ground quakes and the guards shake.

The Angel tells the women to "Go and tell."

Jesus tells the women, "Don't be afraid."

A Conspiracy is hatched – "The disciples stole his body."



POWER AND A PROMISE

Matthew 28:16-20, *Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'* (NIV)

Jesus has been given **all** authority.

Revelation 1:18, *I was dead, but now I am alive forever. I have the keys of death and hell.* (GW)

We cannot make Satan small enough in comparison to God.

Isaiah 14:16-17, People will stare at you and muse: "Can this be the one who terrorized earth and its kingdoms, turned earth to a moonscape, wasted its cities, shut up his prisoners to a living death?"

The one with all the power promises to be with us until the end of the age!