

HE IS HERE

Speaker: Resource

Time: Sunday 7:30 a.m.

Length: 10 minutes

Purpose:

To set the theme for Sunday, RISE DAY—EASTER CELEBRATION! To focus on the risen Christ. He is among us, here in His worshiping community of believers, to give us joy, peace, and love through His Word and Sacrament and through one another.

Outline: Begin Your Talk Here

Introduction:

Refer to the baptismal renewal service of last night.

“By our baptism, then, we were buried with Him and shared His death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from death by His glorious power of the Father, so also we might live a new life.” (Romans 6: 4)

I. He is here!

Yesterday was Die Day, when we reflected on Jesus dying for our sins. It was difficult. Think about Jesus’ followers when they thought Jesus was dead. It must have been terribly difficult for them. But on Easter morning—what a shock! Jesus was alive! He was there, right by them! He showed that He is here, for them:

- A. Mary Magdalene, a sinner (John 20:11–17)
- B. The Emmaus disciples, confused and slow to understand (Luke 24:13–31)
- C. The Ten Disciples, scared and hiding (Luke 24:36–48)
- D. Thomas, doubting (John 20:24–27)
- E. Peter, the one who denied and wept (John 21:1–7)

(Note: Avoid reading all these texts straight from Scripture; instead mention a point or two from each.)

II. Seeing Jesus alive, they now have new life.

When you see something amazing, what do you do? You tell others! Living an entirely new life in Jesus, these followers were sent to tell the news.

- A. Mary Magdalene (John 20:18)
- B. The Emmaus disciples (Luke 24:32–34)
- C. The Ten Disciples (Luke 24:52–53)

D. Thomas (John 20:28)

E. Peter (John 21:15–17)

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III. Jesus is here, among us. We have new life too!

Yesterday was Die Day. But today is Rise Day! Jesus is with us here! We may doubt, fear, or deny Jesus. But Jesus still comes to use as our risen Savior. That kind of truth is bound to impact our new life in Him. *(Time permitting, share an example or personal story.)*

Jesus promises, "Where two or three come together in My name, I am there with them" (Matthew 18:20).

Conclusion:

End with prayer, which may be read word for word:

Dear Jesus,

Deliver us from discouragement, selfishness, and sin. We were dead in our sin, and You have raised us up to new life. You promise to be here with us. Today and every Sunday, we come together, where You promise to be with us and give us all we need.

Open my eyes, like You opened the eyes of the Emmaus disciples.

Cast away my doubt, like You did for Thomas.

Help us run to You with joy in worship. Help us run out to tell others throughout the week in all we say and do. Let others see our love for You in the way we love others.

Every Sunday, help us to say in faith, "We have seen the Lord."

Amen.

No discussion question follows this talk.