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"The Resurrection of Jesus Changes Everything."
Matthew 28: 1-10

INTRODUCTION: Liar, Lunatic or Lord

- If Jesus rose from the dead you have to accept all He said; if He didn't then why worry about any of what He said?

- Genesis ends with Joseph's death.
  Deuteronomy ends with Moses' death.
  Joshua ends with Joshua's death.
  The Gospels end with Jesus' resurrection. And that changes everything!

- C.S. Lewis Quote & Story of Lee Strobel's conversion

Because We Believe That Jesus Is Lord…

1. We can _____. (v10)

- Then Jesus said to them, Don't be afraid! Go tell my brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there.
  (Matt. 28:10 – The New Living Translation)

2. We can focus _____.

- The disciples, seeing the Master with their own eyes, were exuberant. Jesus repeated His greeting: Peace to you. Just as the Father sent me, I send you.
  (John 20: 20-21 – The Message Translation)

3. We can trust _____.

- For no matter how many promises God has made, they are Yes in Christ. And so through Him the Amen is spoken by us to the glory of God.

CONCLUSION: The World Always Changes; Easter Doesn't!

- If you have put your faith in Christ, then Easter means that you will live forever. Easter brings hope to the person who has been devastated by death. (Greg Laurie)

- The resurrection of Jesus changed the midnight of bereavement into a sunrise of reunion; it changed the midnight of disappointment into a sunrise of joy; it changed the midnight of fear to a sunrise of peace.
  (Billy Graham)