

Matthew 28:1-10, 16-20

“An Unexpected Savior: The Triumphant King”

I. Paralyzed by Defeat

A. Our Hope is Dead

Doubts – was Jesus really the Messiah after all?

Matthew 16:16; 19:27

Fears – What’s going to happen to us?

B. We are Lost

We have lost our leader

Matthew 26:31

We have lost our purpose

II. An Unexpected Victory

A. Jesus won a battle His followers didn’t expect

Why did He have to die?

What did His resurrection prove?

1 Corinthians 15:17-22 ...*and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins...* ¹⁹ *If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied...*

1 Corinthians 15:54-57 ...⁵⁵ *"O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?"* ⁵⁶ *The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law;* ⁵⁷ *but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

B. Jesus now reigns with an authority they couldn’t imagine

III. Revived with Purpose

A. Jesus *is* our life

Romans 3:23; 6:23

B. Jesus is our *purpose* in life