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## Setting:

- Passover Week in Jerusalem
- Lazarus, Triumphal Entry, Temple Cleansing
- Foot Washing, Last Supper, Garden Betrayal
- Trial, Crucifixion, Death, Burial
- Scattered Followers, Fear and Failure

John 20:1-31

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**1 Cor. 15:1-11** “Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.

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After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them — yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

## 1. Don't Miss This

- remind you – something familiar
  - \* easily lose significance in the familiar
- you received and stand upon
  - \* foundational – stood upon
  - \* essential – gospel you are saved by
  - \* hold firmly to – not a one-time thing
- handed down as 1<sup>st</sup> importance
  - \* remember what is critical

## 2. Clear Truths

### a) Christ Died for Our Sins

- my sin is worthy of death – paid by Jesus
- love that is overwhelming - while enemies

### b) According to Scriptures

- amazing prophecies fulfilled
- God revealed his plan, kept his promise

### c) Buried

- spear in side, 100 pounds of wrapping
- tomb and story clear

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## d) Raised on the Third Day

- Acts 10:39-43 “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen — by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

## e) Seen By Witnesses

- disciples
- more than 500 of the brothers – ask them
- Paul Himself

## f) This Grace is Astounding

- persecuted them, killed some, denied
- God's grace – undeserved merit
- Forgiven, restored, called to testify



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## 3. This Means.....

**1 Cor. 15:20-26** “But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the first fruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.”

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## a) payment accepted

- Jesus raised to life death defeated

## b) new life available to us in Jesus

- in Christ made alive

## c) alive and active – ruling with authority

- power over sin, sickness, death, all things

## d) returning for us

- coming back for His bride, all made new

## e) eternity secured

- inheritance, future secured

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## So What?

### 1. Respond Personally

- believe in heart, confess with mouth

### 2. Remember, be reminded, recall

- the joy of your salvation

### 3. Restore Foundation

- Gal. 2:20 “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

## 4. Rejoice

- offering of praise and worship
- renewed surrender of my life
- obedience in love as a response