



EASTER SUNDAY - April 5, 2026

Acts 2

SERMON SUMMARY:

The resurrection of Jesus is the turning point of the story—death is only half the sentence. The cross pays for sin, but the empty tomb declares victory, revealing Jesus as alive, reigning, and making all things right. This reality reshapes the human condition: death loses its final word, evil won't ultimately win, and the bold transformation of the first disciples points to the resurrection's power.

Because Jesus is risen, forgiveness is real, the Holy Spirit empowers true change, and believers are brought into a new family with shared purpose. The mission continues now bringing healing, reconciliation, and hope while we await Christ's return. The call is simple and immediate: turn to Jesus, trust his rule, and step into a life marked by forgiveness, Spirit-filled power, community, and lasting joy.

SCRIPTURE:

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GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. In Peter's first sermon in Acts 2, how many verses does he spend talking about the cross versus how many does he spend talking about the resurrection?
2. According to the passage in Acts, what are the four specific things Peter says will happen to someone who repents and is baptized?
3. What does the 1 Corinthians passage say has been the ultimate outcome of death because of Jesus's victory?
4. What specific things does the Revelation passage say will be absent in the new creation that God brings about?
5. Why is it significant that the resurrection gets more emphasis than the cross in the first gospel sermon? What does that tell us about the importance of each event for the complete good news?
6. The sermon describes death as an "unnatural enemy" and an "invading enemy" that we instinctively know is wrong. How does this understanding of death change the way we read 1 Corinthians 15:54-57 and its declaration of victory?
7. The message in Acts 2 caused the listeners to be "cut to the heart." What was it about the *whole story* of Jesus—both his death and his resurrection—that would produce such a strong, convicted response?
8. How does the future hope described in Revelation 21, where God makes all things new, provide a context for the mission believers are called to now?