

**THE GOOD NEWS OF EASTER  
THE BOOK OF ACTS SERIES  
Resurrection Sunday – April 17, 2022  
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**TEXT: Acts 10:34 So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), 37 you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, 40 but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. 43 To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”**

**INTRO: Happy Resurrection Sunday.** A few weeks ago, we celebrated our 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a church. This past week during my prayer time, I was sensing that the Lord was telling me that we are beginning a new season as a church. I don't know if it is for the Body of Christ at large or for our church specifically, but I sense we are in another epoch season. My sense is that we are going to see more reformation and transformation of society in the days and years ahead.

I think what Pastor Jay and Let Us Worship did worshiping in front of Disney Headquarters this past week was significant. The president of Disney wants 50% of Disney characters to be represented by a LGBTQ identity in the future. What was family-oriented clean entertainment, it is now been highjacked by progressive Left ideology to indoctrinate children to be woke and confused in their sexual identity. After the demonstration, Disney stocks dropped dramatically.

This coming Tuesday thousands of people will gather at the steps of the Sacramento capitol to protest a new abortion bill coming up for a vote—A.B. 2223. This bill will legalize infanticide up to 30 days after a baby has been born. This is madness and a major violation of our Constitution's inalienable rights to

“life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” No one is above the U.S. Constitution, and this bill is violating the constitutional right to protect another person’s life. But I believe that the thousands that do gather will make a difference, and this will lead to major changes to the abortion laws of California.

During all this madness, Jesus offers the Good News of Easter—that Jesus died for our sins, rose from the dead, and offers peace, forgiveness of sins, and a new eternal life if you make Jesus the Lord of your life. All this because God loves you! I want to share the Good News of Easter from our text in three parts: 1) The good news of Peace in Jesus. 2) The good news that Jesus came to heal your mental and physical body. 3) The good news that Jesus died for our sins and rose again from the dead guaranteeing that we too will have life eternal after we die.

## **I. THE GOOD NEWS OF PEACE**

### **A. THE LACK OF PEACE IN SOCIETY**

1. Victor Davis Hanson, a historian and a Senior Fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution, said, “The crisis we are going through today is worse than the Great Depression, the turbulent sixties, and 9-11.”
2. He was referring to several things beyond the impact of Covid-19. For example, the gas prices. We stopped the Keystone pipeline, placed more regulations on gas, and we are purchasing gas from communist countries like Venezuela, Iran, and Russia (which will end this week). It is driven by politics, the Green New Deal, placating the progressive left. We are purchasing gas from countries that have worse controls over the environment than we do if we were to produce the petroleum ourselves. Now we are facing run-away inflation.
3. Then you have the absence of physical peace with the War in Ukraine or violence in the streets of LA. People are looking for peace. Since the defunding of the police, you have homicides in LA at an all-time high.
4. We have a border crisis. We want Russia to respect the borders of the nation of Ukraine, and yet we have no respect for our borders and immigration laws. Two million people have come into our country illegally since this present administration came into office. The drug cartels are bringing the number-one illegal drug into the U.S., which is fentanyl. People are overdosing on fentanyl because they want to deaden the pain of life. Drugs and alcoholism are out of control because people are trying to find peace.
5. People are racked with anxiety, depression, and fear, and they are looking for peace of mind. The new Barna study of Millennials said 54% of them are struggling with anxiety, depression, and fear.

6. Five-year-olds are being taught CRT and transgenderism before they are even taught how to read or write.
7. True and eternal Peace is found in Jesus Christ—in Jesus Christ alone.
8. **Acts 10:34 So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all)”**
9. Jesus will give us supernatural peace as we make Him Lord.

#### **B. PEACE - SHALOM**

1. **Charles Stock: “Absence of evil and the presence of all that is good from a good God.”**
2. **Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.**
3. **The fruit of the Holy Spirit is love, joy, peace...**
4. Inner peace is something that you must work at and develop.
5. Put off and put on. I must refuse anxiety, fear, and depression, and I must put on peace. I must renew my thinking with good and positive thoughts.
6. **Philippians 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.**

## **II. THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT HOW JESUS WENT ABOUT PHYSICALLY HEALING ALL**

- A. **Acts 10:38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.**
- B. Crystal Kim’s testimony of being healed of cancer.
- C. **Healing testimony of Stevey Chen, who was healed of cancer, Parkinson’s, strokes, and dysautonomia. “At the beginning of 2019, I began to have multiple illness symptoms that caused me to visit doctors and hospitals frequently. By August 2020, I had been diagnosed with 4 terminal illnesses.**

1. “Prostate Cancer: I then went through three surgeries with radiation treatments at City of Hope (COH) cancer center. But I never recovered and still had various symptoms. While the oncologists were still trying to figure out the root cause, they referred me to see a well-respected generalist. I did not get a chance to get to the referral before Covid hit and disrupted the doctors’ recommendations.
2. “Strokes: Starting Friday, July 10, 2020, I had my first of four strokes in six weeks. I fainted and was rushed to the hospital where the Emergency Room (ER) doctors called “Code Stroke” on me and set the staff on a strict protocol to follow to minimize brain damage from lack of blood flow. Subsequently, the neurosurgeon performed intricate surgery to implant a stent to restore blood flow to my brain on my 99% blocked artery.
3. “Parkinson’s: After the stent was placed in my body, I was again in the ER, couldn’t speak, and had no control over my body, and the doctor called “Code Stroke” on me again. This time they brought in a top neurologist, and she diagnosed me with Parkinson’s. My primary care doctor told me, after my cancer diagnosis along with many other symptoms, to work on the one that is going to kill me first. Given that the anti-seizure medication seemed to have kept the shaking manageable, I didn’t pursue further on it.
4. “Dysautonomia: I had never heard of this rare illness, but it was the most debilitating illness I had. This illness made my autonomic nervous system not work properly. The constant gnawing pain felt like nothing else I’ve ever felt before.

“With all these terminal illnesses looming over me and having to spend most of my waking hours in bed. I still tried to seek out the best medical treatment I could find. After spending a lot of time and effort, it didn’t seem relief was anywhere in sight.

“So, on the morning of Saturday, April 10, 2021, it was the second day that I was attending the Global Summit conference at my church seeking my healing. I was walking up the sidewalk along the parking lot, because the day before I tried to walk up a flight of stairs from the parking structure to the conference. By the time I got to the top of the stairs, a kind man came up to me and started to pray for me because I must have looked terrible. I was certainly winded and gasping for air. Little did I know that I was walking into an amazing encounter that second morning.

“As I turned from the sidewalk to cut through the parking lot, the parking attendant asked me if he could pray for me. I certainly welcomed any prayer on my behalf, as I was at the conference trying to seek healing for my four diagnosed terminal illnesses. He began to pray for me, and after a little while, I felt all the

hairs on my body standing up. I opened my eyes and I saw the hairs on his arms standing up as well. We both asked each other if you feel that. At that moment I knew God had touched me and healed all four terminal illnesses.”

### **III. THE GOOD NEWS OF THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS**

**A. Acts 10:39** And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, **40** but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, **41** not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

#### **B. HIS DEATH**

1. Jesus was the Passover Lamb that takes away the sins of the world.
2. He died on Passover Friday. Just like the Passover Feast was to celebrate the 3 million Jews that would be free from the bondage of slavery to the Egyptians, so we are set from the bondage of sin.
3. Jesus took our sins upon Himself. The priest who would make atonement for the sins of Israel would lay his hands on the bull to transfer the sins of the people to the sacrificial animal. The animal would be killed and the blood sprinkled on the altar, and the people’s sins would be atoned for each year. But Jesus went into the holy place once and for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

#### **C. HIS RESURRECTION**

1. The resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of Christianity. If there is no resurrection, then we are all mad and to be most pitied.

#### **D. BELIEVE IN THE LORD JESUS**

##### **1. THE GOOD NEWS THAT WE HAVE FORGIVENESS OF SINS**

**2. Acts 10:43** “To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

3. To believe in the New Testament sense is not to intellectually believe. The devil believes and trembles. The devil knows.
4. To believe in Jesus is to give your whole heart, your whole life to Him. If He is your Lord and God and He wants you to give Him your life, that is what we must do to believe in Him.
5. Repent of your sins and give your heart to Jesus. He is giving you grace to do that right now.