

“INEVITABLE RETURN”

Acts 1:1-11 - Pastor Bruce French

What has the resurrection set us free from?

1. The resurrection has set us free from _____.

Acts 1:1-3

Action...

- _____ your facts.

2. The resurrection has set us free from _____.

Acts 1:4-8

Action...

- _____ your story.

Take Home Truth

The resurrection has set us free from _____.

Acts 1:9-11

Action...

- _____ your exit.

Today's Core Belief:

Salvation by Grace: I believe a person comes into a right relationship with God by His grace, through faith in Jesus Christ. *(from Ephesians 2:8-9)*

Today's Action:

Begin to execute the actions on today's outline.



Deeper Connection Study

He is risen! The resurrection of Jesus, as exciting as it is, does not end the story. But wait, there's more! Jesus gives his disciples instructions - really, a mission - to carry out his kingdom work while he's gone. Don't worry, though - Jesus is coming back!

Today's Core Belief discussed: Salvation by Grace.

Read Acts 1:1-11 (cf. Luke 24:45-53)

1. "He is risen!" Why is this proclamation so fantastic? What does it mean for you? How has Jesus' death and resurrection impacted you.
2. How has your faith been challenged and/or strengthened in light of Jesus' resurrection and victory over death?
3. What is our role as Christians to participate in Jesus' kingdom work (vv. 6-8; cf. Matt. 28:18-20)? How is this both a divine and human partnership?
4. Yet why is the command in verse 8 not wholly embraced and practiced by Christians? How are you doing at being a witness for Christ?
5. What do the angels promise to the disciples as Jesus ascends to heaven (vv. 10-11)? How does this encourage you and how can you use these words to encourage others?
6. How can you [and your church] grow in deeper reliance upon the Holy Spirit to carry out Jesus' commands?

PRAYER TO THE POINT: Praise God for his gracious provision of Jesus Christ to die for our sins. Praise God that Jesus has risen from the dead! Ask God to help you live joyfully for Him and proclaim that Jesus is alive.

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Most people have felt trapped at one time or another. It might have been a dead end job that caused them to feel that way, or it could have been a mound of debt that caged that individual, or perhaps a painful past that left them in bondage. Whatever it might have been that created that season, it left them feeling like there was no way out. When a person feels this way for a period of time he, or she, can quickly lose hope. A gloomy perspective sets in and convinces that person that nothing will ever change, and that he, or she, will be stuck in that predicament forever. Once this happens, despair and sorrow become that individual's closest companions.

The Gospel narratives communicate that was the state of the disciples after Jesus died. A feeling of entrapment, loss and misery characterized their plight. That was just until Christ came back from the dead on the first Easter morning. His resurrection was the key that unlocked their prison door, and literally set them free. From that moment on they were never the same.

When Luke started his second gospel, that we know as Acts, he spoke about the disciples and alluded to the fact that the resurrection had a transcendent effect on prisoners. Is there something that you possibly need to be freed of? Then let the resurrection unlock the door!

