

BEYOND SUNDAY



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This guide offers a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print this guide to study on your own or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

MESSAGE THEME

Jesus' Death, Your Righteousness

PRAYER FOCUS

Dear God, thank You for sending Your only Son to pay the price for sin. Because of Christ's sacrifice, we can experience freedom and choose to follow You. Jesus saved me when He took all my sins and sickness with Him to the cross. He called me into a relationship with You, not because I earned it but because of Your boundless love. In Jesus' Name, amen.

KEY TRUTHS

The foundation of Christianity is built on two supernatural events: the *incarnation* when Jesus was born of a virgin and the *resurrection* when He rose from the dead.

Why did Jesus come to live a sinless life and then die for us? God created man and woman, giving them dominion over the earth. When Adam and Eve ate from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the Garden of Eden, they didn't die physically but spiritually and handed their authority over to Satan. When Satan entered the world, he brought every evil thing with him. Jesus came to destroy the works of the Devil and restore what Adam and Eve did when they fell. Sin separated us from God, and Jesus reconciled us back to Him.

The payment for sin is death, so Christ bore our sins upon Himself and took them to the cross. Above Jesus' head, where He suffered and died, hung a sign that, in the natural, read "the King of the Jews." However, if you could look into the spiritual realm, that sign contained a list of every sin or wrongdoing anyone could commit. When Jesus rose from the dead, through His blood we were justified; His payment was enough, and we've been made whole. We don't deserve God's grace, but He gave it anyway because of His love for us. Now, when God looks at us, He doesn't see our mistakes, only Christ's redemption. We have freedom through Jesus!

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Our culture promotes the lie that *good people* go to Heaven. The enemy will whisper in your ear that you haven't done enough to earn salvation because you aren't "good." However, the Bible teaches that only *forgiven people* will enter Heaven. Therefore, only through Jesus Christ can we be made right with the Father.

God promised forgiveness when we repent, but we must ask for it. Sit before the Father and receive the gift of forgiveness Christ fully paid for at the cross.

REFERENCE VERSES

- Genesis 1:26-28, 2:15
- Psalms 8:6
- 2 Corinthians 4:4
- 1 John 3:8
- Matthew 28:1-7, 27:52-53
- Romans 5:12, 1:16, 4:25
- 1 Corinthians 15:45-49, 15:22-24
- Ephesians 2:12-13, 1:7
- Galatians 3:29
- Revelation 21:1-5, 1:18
- Hebrews 2:14-16
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- 2 Corinthians 5:17, 5:21
- 1 Samuel 17
- Colossians 2:14

DECLARATIONS

I know Jesus will return as the King of kings and Lord of lords.

He vanquished the Devil, allowing me to walk with boldness and authority over the enemy.

What Jesus accomplished on the cross made me righteous before God; He bore my sin and shame, making me whole and setting me free.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Now it's time to write down anything the Lord has spoken to you. Praise Him, thank Him, and ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk this out.



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