

The Resurrection

Mark 16

- For those that know me, know that I am a pretty avid sports fan to put it lightly. However, even in the midst of my passion for my sports teams, I am not a big trash talker.
- A lot of people don't believe that coming from a die hard Philadelphia fan, but it's true. Now, the reason I don't do much trash talking, isn't because I want to be respectful, a good sportsman, or all pastoral in my fandom or anything like that.
- The real reason I don't trash talk is because I am terrified of the jinx. In the words of the great theologian, Michael Scott, "I'm not superstitious, but I am a little-stitious."
- In my mind, if I talk any trash before a game is played, I will have already made my team lose. I can't do it!
- So it astounds me, some of the sports fans that I see that talk so much trash and make all of these bold predictions before a game is even played! I don't have that type of boldness!
- What really gets me is some of these athletes that have the audacity to make those big claims themselves. And what is really incredible are the one's who back it up.
- Probably one of the most famous trash talkers in sports was Larry Bird. Larry was always mouthing off to other teams, but he also was always backing it up. Larry known for calling his shots.
- One time he was playing his biggest rival, the Lakers. It was a 1 or 2 point game, Lakers were up, and there was time for one more play. The Lakers draw up their defense, and when they break the huddle, Larry is

right there waiting for them. He then tells their entire team, "I'm going to stand over there in that corner, they're going to set a screen for me, I'm going to curl over the screen, catch the ball, and end the game."

- HE TOLD THEM THE ACTUALLY PLAY THEY WERE GOING TO RUN
- And then he actually does it! He goes to the corner, curls over the screen, catches the ball, shoots the shot, ends the game...
- Probably one of the most mind boggling shots Larry Bird ever called was against the Atlanta Hawks. That game Larry was in the zone, scored 60 points that game. And during the game he kept telling the Hawks bench what he was going to do, and the different shots he was going to take.
- And the Hawks bench can't help but just enjoy the show.
- At one point, he turns to the guys on the bench, and He says, "Rainbow. Trainers lap."
- Then proceeded to get the ball, turns and shoots a high arcing-fade-a-way-rainbow jump shot, and falls into the trainers lap on the bench as the shot goes in.
- Can you imagine having that much confidence, boldness, and skill to be able to call your shot like that? AND PULL IT OFF??
- Now the reason I share that, is because NO ONE was better at calling their shot than Jesus. And no one ever called a bigger shot than the one Jesus called.
- Even when they tried to defend it, they couldn't stop it.
- 3 times, we saw throughout the Gospel of Mark, Jesus predicts His death, AND His resurrection.
- ***"And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And He said this plainly." -Mark 8:31-32a (ESV)***

- ***“...He was teaching His disciples. He said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill Him, and after three days He will rise.” -Mark 9:31 (ESV)***
- ***“See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him over to the Gentiles. And they will mock Him and spit on Him, and flog Him and kill Him. And after three days He will rise.” -Mark 10:33-34 (ESV)***
- And in the beginning of Chapter 16 we see Jesus pulling off the greatest shot call in history.
- ***“When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you.” And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.” -Mark 16:1-8 (ESV)***
- Now today we need to understand 3 things about the resurrection that I believe this passage points us to. That is The Power of the Resurrection, The Grace of the Resurrection, and The Mission of the Resurrection.
- So first, let’s talk about: **THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION**

- The resurrection is the most important aspect of our entire faith.
- I remember years ago, I was talking with a young lady who had just been saved and baptized, she was very new in her faith and excited about her faith.
 - And she was sharing her faith with some unbelievers in her family, and her brother had told her, “Yea, well I can accept that Jesus was real, he did miracles, he died...but I can’t accept that Jesus rose from the dead.”
 - And she said, “That’s ok! As long as you believe in Jesus!”
- And I had to correct her, “No, no, no, no, no....without the resurrection, our faith has no basis.”
- Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15, ***“And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.” 1 Corinthians 15:17-19 (ESV)***
- You see, Jesus died on the cross so that we could be forgiven, He rose from the dead so we could have new life, eternal life
 - If Jesus only died, He did not call His shot, He was not who He said He was, He did not fulfill the scriptures, and our faith is meaningless and we should be the most pitied people on earth.
- And this isn’t something that we just believe in blind faith, its what is so incredible about these gospels and the New Testament is that these are historical documents of eye witness accounts who actually saw this happen!
- They saw Him dead and buried, and then they saw Him alive again!
- That’s why Paul says at the beginning of 1 Corinthians 15, ***“For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that***

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy 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 toward me was not in vain.” -1 Corinthians 15:3-10 (ESV)

- Think about it. We are in a time where there are a lot of people in this room that weren't even born yet whenever 9/11 happened.
 - And if we did not live in a time where we had cameras, tv, and media, if we couldn't show a video, what evidence would we give to those who asked us if 9/11 actually happened.
 - Well we could point them to newspapers, different written accounts of those who were on the scene and witnessed it happen.
 - Maybe we know of some people who lived in the area at that time and saw the destruction with their own eyes, and we could point people to them to hear their testimony themselves
- That's what Paul is telling people to do. He says, *“Hey, if you don't believe me, go talk to Peter, go talk to one of the other disciples, go talk to any of the 500 people that he appeared to, most of them are still alive! Go hear from someone else who saw Him with their own eyes!”*
- That's also what Mark is doing by highlighting these women so often.
 - 3 times, over the course of the end of chapter 15 and the beginning of chapter 16 Mark reiterates that these women personally saw what was happening

- He says Mary Magdalene and Mary the Mother of James and Salome saw Him on the Cross.
 - Then they saw where He was buried, then they went out to his grave sight, fully expecting Him to be there dead in the tomb, so they could properly anoint His body according to Jewish tradition
 - But when they got there, He wasn't there, He had gotten up, and the angel told them all about it!
 - "Go ask them! Hear it for yourselves!"
- And this is also something that people back then would use to discredit their testimony, but I think it just further credits them now
- Because back then, the testimony of a woman was not seen as valid.
 - In no court case was a women ever allowed to give a testimony because they were not seen as credible witnesses because of their gender.
 - Celcus, a prominent greek philosopher in the 2nd century, said that there was no way that Christianity could be true because he said that is was nothing but the gossip of women. He said that there is no way Christianity could be a valid religion because it relies on the witness of women and the uneducated.
- *But isn't that just like Jesus to do so? Take what the world be see as foolish and make it wise, and take what the world would see as wise and make it foolish.*
- You see, I think this just validates these accounts even more! Because who in their right mind, if they were making something up, would say "Hey go talk to the ones that are systematically seen as un-credible!"
- They wouldn't do that! If they were trying to make something up to push an agenda, they would point them to guys like Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea who were respected educated guys to push their case.

- But they weren't trying to push an agenda or make something up, they were just trying to tell you exactly what happened and how it happened!
- I love the way John finishes up his gospel when he says, ***"This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true. Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written."*** -John 21:24-25 (ESV)
- And if you don't want to believe the testimony of these guys at their word, well the results speak for themselves,
- You see, because there had been numerous messianic uprisings both before and after Jesus.
 - Guys who had gathered huge followings who either declared themselves to be the messiah or others claimed it for them.
 - But each of those uprisings were squashed, when their leader was killed and their followers backed off.
- And Rome was really good at squashing these movements.
- This is why Gamaliel in Acts chapter 5 when Peter and the apostles are brought before the council, they all want to kill them, but Acts says, ***"But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. So in the present case I tell you, keep away from***

these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice.” -Acts 5:34-39 (ESV)

- Now that might be the most profound thing a Pharisee had ever said!
- Because over the course of History, the world would continue to witness a movement of God that could not be overthrown!
 - Because over the next 60 years the message of Jesus would begin to spread, even when Saul and those like him hunted and killed Christians the message just grew stronger and reached further throughout the Roman Empire
 - And then in 64AD Emperor Nero decided to blame the Great Fire of Rome on the Christians and this is when the Romans themselves as a nation got involved in the persecution and killing of Christians
 - Yet the message still continued strong.
 - Then in 90AD Emperor Domitian orders the killings of any Christians that refused to worship the Roman Emperor
 - However, throughout the 2nd century Christian communities continue to grow and flourish even with the persecutions led by Trajan and Marcus Aurelius
 - And throughout the 3rd century, Christianity spreads wider, the persecution gets harder as the like of Severus and Decius order the Christians to be killed as sacrifices to the roman gods.
 - And then in the early 4th century the persecution hits its peak under Diocletian, which was the most violent and systematic attempt to eradicate Christianity.
 - He ordered every church meeting place destroyed, every bible burned, all leaders killed or at the least imprisoned

- Yet instead of eradicating Christianity, the identity of the Church just became more solidified.
- And then finally in 313AD, a Roman Emperor in Constantine, finally recognized the power of this movement
 - He finally grants religious tolerance to Christians and even supports and funds the building of churches and brings Christian leaders on board to his council.
- And eventually in 380AD, the Edict of Thessalonica is passed under the leadership of Theodosius The 1st that declares Christianity the official religion of Rome
- So tell me, what kind of made up gossip, could have that many years of persecution, that many people killed, and still make that kind of impact?
- ONLY the Power of the Resurrection can do that.
- I heard a story about a Muslim man who came to Christ in Africa, which is a very profound and dangerous thing to do there.
 - And he was asked by another muslim why in the world He decided to become a Christian.
 - Why would he leave the teaching of Muhammad, for the teachings of Jesus!?
 - And he answered the man and said, "Well, if you were traveling and came to a fork in the road and weren't sure which way to go. And there were two men there, one alive and one dead, which one would you asked directions from?"
 - They man said, "Well I'd ask the one who was alive."
 - And he said, "That's why I converted to Christianity, because I asked for directions from the One Who's Alive."

- The Power of the Gospel comes from the One who's Alive! From the One Who Resurrected! From the One that defeated death, so therefore those who follow Him do not have to fear death!
- And Jesus wants you and I to experience the power of the resurrection ourselves!
- That's why the angel tells the women "SEE the place where they laid Him!"
 - That word "See" means to Behold! To experience it yourself
 - But don't just see, but then Go! And Tell others about what you have beheld.
- And the way the angel tells them to tell is very powerful as well. Again, in verse 7, ***"But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you."*** -Mark 16:7 (ESV)
- This shows me: **THE GRACE OF THE RESURRECTION**
- Because the angel says "Go, tell the disciples, AND Peter"
- Now, why was Peter singled out? Because Peter singularly messed up the most.
- Now, all the disciples fled, left, and abandoned Jesus when He was being arrested. John is the only one that we have an account of actually being at the crucifixion.
- But, Peter, who was supposed to be Jesus' most devoted follower, was probably the one who fell the hardest during this time.
- If you remember back in Chapter 14 after the Last Supper, verse 27 says, ***"And Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away, for it is written, 'I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." Peter said to Him, "Even though they all fall away, I will not." And Jesus said to***

Him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times.” But he said emphatically, “If I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And they all said the same.” -Mark 14:27-31 (ESV)

- Now, I firmly believe that Peter meant every single word that he said. He even tried to fight the band of soldiers and cut a guys ear off trying to defend Jesus!
- And even after Jesus is taken away, Peter still tries to follow from a distance. And Luke’s account says: **“And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, “This man also was with Him.” But he denied it, saying, “Woman, I do not know Him.” And a little later someone else saw him and said, “You also are one of them.” But Peter said, “Man, I am not.” And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, “Certainly this man also was with Him, for he too is a Galilean.” But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are talking about.” And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how He had said to him, “Before the rooster crows today, you will deny Me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.” -Luke 22:55-62 (ESV)**

- Can you imagine that moment of eye contact?
- In the midst of Jesus getting mocked, slapped, and beaten around, the rooster crows, and Jesus looks up from the beating he’s receiving to look directly at Peter.
- If I’m Peter, my hearts sinks more than I could ever imagine in this moment. I would never be able to feel lower and smaller than I do at that moment.

- And that feeling hangs over me over the next couple days, as I'm hiding out in the upper room where I last shared a meal with Him.
 - Replaying in my mind how boldly I declared that I would be with Him to death! But now He's dead...and I completely cowarded out. I'm a fraud, I let Him down, I let down the other guys who were looking up to me. I feel like a completely useless human being.
- You see the angel couldn't just tell the women to go tell the disciples, because if I'm Peter I would be saying, *"You guys go... that's not me anymore, I forfeited that right to be called His disciple."*
 - Which is such a self-centered way to think
 - Because yes, he messed up, yes he failed, yes he didn't live up to his commitment to Jesus in that moment....but yet Jesus, knowing full and well that Peter would make this mistake, also said, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it!"
- Dr. Tim Keller fired me up this week whenever I was studying and heard him say this, ***"Because [Peter's] screw up was the biggest, his repentance would be the deepest, and his grasp of grace will be the greatest, and that will make him the most qualified person to be a leader in Jesus' movement."*** -Dr. Tim Keller
 - Now, Jesus would make Peter confront his failure, whenever they would have breakfast on the beach in John 21.
 - Jesus doesn't coddle him and say, "Oh it's ok, you didn't mean it! It was those big mean scary romans, it was their fault!"
 - No Peter would have to own it, repent of it, and grow from it.
 - Which he absolutely would because in Acts chapter 4, Luke will tell us when those who arrested Peter saw His boldness they knew that he had been with Jesus.

- That is exactly what the grace of God can do for us! When we are confronted with our sin, and own our shortcomings, the kindness of God will lead us to repentance and cause us to lean on His grace for the strength that we need to be better!
- But that is countercultural in todays day and age.
 - Because we live in an anti-repentance society. Because what you are so often told is that it is never your fault. There's nothing wrong with you. No, you made these mistakes, you have these deficiencies, because it's someone else's fault.
 - Everything in this world tells you to just blame everyone else for the troubles that you have and the struggles that you deal with.
 - And it is the enemies attempt to keep you from repentance so that you will not experience the power and the grace of the Gospel in your life.
- The beauty of the resurrection of Jesus is that He allows you to take your failure, your troubles and your struggles, to drive you deeper into the Gospel and as a result you experience a resurrection in your life.
 - You are resurrected to wisdom from your ignorance
 - You are resurrected to humility from your pride
 - You are resurrected to boldness from your cowardice
 - You are resurrected to righteousness from your sin
- And we live in the freedom to declare as Paul did, when he said: ***“But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain.” -1 Corinthians 15:3-10 (ESV)***
- His grace toward you will not be in vain if you realize that the grace you receive is not just for you. But also for the people around you and who God will send you to.
- Because we see the Power of the Resurrection, we receive the Grace of the Resurrection, but also we have:

- THE MISSION OF THE RESURRECTION

- Now, in some of your bibles, it will have verses 9-20 in brackets and you might have an explanation saying that “Some of the earliest manuscripts do not include these verses.”
- And because of that some pastors and theologians choose to skip over these verses and not talk about them.
 - I remember quoting some of these verses in a paper whenever I was in college and got marked off for quoting them and it bothered me so much, because it was still in my bible that I was told to get for that class.
- Now two of the oldest manuscripts from which we have had the bible translated are the Codexes Vaticanas and Sinaiticus, and both of these end Mark’s Gospel at verse 8.
 - These manuscripts were officially published in the mid-4th century between 325-360AD
 - However, the vast majority of scriptural manuscripts later formed in the 5th-6th centuries and beyond include verses 9-20.
 - Also, what’s odd is that the Vaticanas and Sinaiticus, leave a large blank space after verse 8, as if there was something else that was to be added.
 - Also, some of the earliest Christian teachers such as Irenaeus, Tatian, and Justin Martyr all quote these passages as early as the 2nd century.
 - Which shows us that there was a familiarity among the churches of these verses before these codexes were officially published.
 - Also, probably most importantly, there is nothing in these passages that contradict any of the other Gospel and they are also corroborated in other parts of scripture (especially within the book of acts)

- So, I do not have any hesitation in treating these verses as inerrant scripture and I have faith that they are in my bible for a reason.
- And the main reason, is to give Marks account of the Great Commission, the mission that is given to all of us who have come to faith in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ:
- ***“Afterward He appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at table, and He rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw Him after He had risen. And He said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: in My name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover. So then the Lord Jesus, after He had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.” -Mark 16:14-20 (ESV)***
- Now, there have been some crazy people that have taken this passage to mean that we should handle snakes and/or drink poison in our services and if you have enough faith you’ll survive.
 - That’s dumb. And there’s always someone who gets offended because they say, “My uncle Randy believe in handling snakes!”
 - Well you should love your Uncle Randy enough to tell him that’s dumb and he’s crazy
 - Because doing anything like that is either making your faith about you, or it’s putting the Lord your God to the test....both. dumb.

- However, we see the fulfillment of these signs all throughout the book of acts. In acts chapter 2, we see the tongues of fire come upon the believers, and they start speaking and people from all over the known world hear them speaking in their native languages.
 - We see demons casted out
 - We see in Acts 28, a viper fastens to Paul's hand, everyone thinks he's a dead man, but he just shakes it off and goes about his business
 - Even Peter's shadow heals people at one point.
 - And there's not a biblical example but there are accounts all over early Christian tradition of Christians being poisoned or forced to drink poison and it didn't harm them.
- Now, this is not to say that if you live on mission for Jesus, then no harm can over come to you...No, every single one of the apostles would end up being killed and martyred for their faith and their mission.
- But when you do live on mission for the Gospel, there is an unmistakable, unexplainable power that goes with you.
 - And if God is not done accomplishing what He wants to accomplish through you, there's nothing in or out of this world that can stop you
- And even when the Christian is harmed, killed, or seemingly silenced by the enemy...God has a way of using even that to amplify the message and the mission.
 - It's happened all throughout Christian history and it will never stop until Jesus comes back
 - Because Kingdom's rise and Kingdom's fall, but the Word of the Lord stands forever!
- And it is our mission to go out and proclaim that Word to all of creation!
 - Like we say all of the time, *our relationship with God is personal but it was never meant to be private.*

- *If what happens in this room, stays in this room, we are failing as a church.*
- *We are called to come in, so that we can effectively go out.*
- And this call to proclaim the Gospel, and to baptize, is not reserved for me, Mark, or anyone whoever speaks from this pulpit
- This call is for all of those that would call themselves disciples of Jesus Christ
 - Jesus sends us out to proclaim, to tell of all of His works!
- The word proclaim in this passage is the same word that was translated as “Preach” back in chapter 3:
- **Proclaim (kēryssō): The Public Proclamation of the Gospel and Matters Pertaining to it**
- So the mission that you are sent out to accomplish is to simply publicly proclaim the Gospel in your world and circle of influence
 - You don’t have to put together a 3 point sermon....You just have to publicly proclaim the name of Jesus in your conversations at work
 - Publicly proclaim how Jesus has changed your life!
 - Publicly proclaim what He did for you yesterday!
 - Publicly proclaim the Love of God in your home!
 - Publicly proclaim the Hope of Heaven that you have been given!
 - Publicly proclaim how Jesus desires to be close to those you are speaking to!
 - Publicly proclaim His Grace!
 - Publicly Proclaim His Glory!
 - Publicly Proclaim His Goodness to all those who are willing to hear!
- And it’s not difficult, it’s not complicated

- I know the word proclaim sounds all sermon-y and all...but it just simply means to talk about like you really believe it
 - Talk about it with some enthusiasm
 - Talk about it as confidently as you would your favorite sports team, hobby, or interest
- I'm telling you we need Christians to stop talking about the Gospel as if we are apologizing about it:
 - We have too many Christians, that when they finally do talk about their faith they just talk like, *"Well, um yes, I actually maybe do believe in Jesus...And um well, I'm sorry but the bible actually would consider that sin...and um, well, I don't want to offend you in any way but I believe that Jesus really might be the only way to Heaven..."*
 - Why would anyone want to believe what we tell them if we don't even sound like we believe it ourselves??
- I don't see that type of timidity anywhere in the Bible...we see Jesus teach them as one who had authority.
 - And His disciples followed suit after He was gone, and went out publicly proclaiming the Gospel and the matters pertaining to it, until they were referred to as those who turned the world upside down.
- Come on, we need the church today to regain a Passion for the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- And echo the words of Paul who said, ***"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes" -Romans 1:16 (ESV)***
- Man, this invitation to proclaim the Gospel is the greatest opportunity that we have on this side of eternity.
- Because never again in all of eternity will we ever have this opportunity again.

- We maybe have an average of 70 or 80 years on this planet, Lord willing...but once we're gone and in Heaven, we will never again have opportunity to share the Gospel with someone who doesn't know Jesus
 - So are we going to let this gift, this opportunity to be a part of something as life changing as this pass us by? Or are we going to make the most of it?
- Pauls says in Romans 10: ***“For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” -Romans 10:13-15 (ESV)***
- Man, one of my greatest prayers for our church will be that we will be a church full of beautiful feet.
 - Going wherever God would call us to go, doing whatever God would call us to do
 - Publicly and Passionately Proclaiming the Gospel in our every day lives
- Publicly and Passionately Proclaiming the Power of the Resurrection!
- Publicly and Passionately Proclaiming the Grace from the Resurrection that you have received
- Publicly and Passionately Carring out the Mission you have been given because of the Resurrection.