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"The Significance of Easter"

Text: Matthew 28: 1-10 Mark 16:1-8

Easter Sunday (and what it stands for--the resurrection of Jesus) confirms ----Three Important Truths about Life.

#1 Jesus Is W_____ He Said He Was.

Jesus claimed to be God. He claimed that he had always existed, that he would always exist, that all creation belonged to him, and that someday he would rule the world. Ref: John 5:18

Jesus claimed to be God, and he proved his claim by conquering d_____. Ref: John 14:6

When Jesus said he is "the way," he uses the d_____ a_____, and he is definitely clear about it. Then, to clinch the issue, He added that no one could come to the Father, "except through me."

According to some polls a majority of Americans, 70 percent---think some non-Christian religions also provide paths to salvation. Ref: Matthew 7:13; John 8:24; Acts 4:12

We must abandon the notion that "all religions lead to the same place" and "it doesn't matter what you believe as long as you're sincere." Ref: John 10:9

Is Jesus really the Son of God? Jesus has power over death, so that means he is everything he claimed to be. Ref: Galatians 3:13

#2 No S_____ Is Beyond God's Power.

For most people it was unthinkable that God would be behind the events of Jesus' death. Yet, _____
The death of Jesus would pay for the sins of the world. Through his death, all of creation would be reconciled to God. Ref: Colossians 1:19

Through his death, the _____ would be defeated once and for all. And through his resurrection, he would be shown to be Lord of all. Ref: 1st Cor. 15:26,27

Just as God brought his Son back from the dead, he can cause a resurrection in your life, as well! What has died?
_____.

Easter morning teaches that no matter what happens on Friday, Sunday is coming. Nothing is beyond God's power.

The resurrection makes the word "h_____" obsolete. It makes the word "i_____" meaningless. It makes the word "d_____" powerless. Ref: Romans 8:11; Eph. 3:20, 21, Phil. 4:13

No situation is beyond God's power to save; the resurrection proves it!

#3 God's F_____ Is Available To Everyone. Ref: Matt.10:33 NRSV

When Jesus died on the cross, all the sins of the world were placed on his shoulders. Every sin ever committed--sins of the p_____, sins of the p_____, sins of the f_____-were placed upon Jesus. Ref: 2nd Cor. 5:21

The resurrection proves that he has the power to forgive your_sins. Ref:_1 John 1:9

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