**SERMON SHEET 4/9/23**

**Easter Sunday**

**“The Resurrection Shaped Life”**

**Text: 2 Corinthians 5:14-15**

I. Introduction

II. All that is eternally important is vitally linked to the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

1. Our faith (1 Corinthians 15:14)
2. Our justification (Romans 4:25)
3. The deity of Jesus (Romans 1:4)
4. The Lordship of Christ (1 Corinthians 15:20)
5. Our regeneration (1 Peter 1:3).
6. Our own resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:17-19).

III. The resurrection of Jesus either happened or it didn’t.

IV. Our lives either reflect the risen Christ or they don’t (2 Corinthians 5).

1. We have an eternal viewpoint (vs. 1-10).
2. We know the fear of the Lord (v. 11a).
3. We are aware that God knows us (v. 11b).
4. We don’t mind that others know us (v. 11c).
5. We are not dominated by what people think (v. 13).
6. We are driven by the love of Christ (vs. 14, 15).
7. We look at people with spiritual eyes (v. 16).
8. We are radically new creatures (v. 17).
9. We realize that everything is from God (v. 18-19).
10. We are ambassadors for Christ (v. 20).
11. We realize that we are righteous only because of what Christ has done (v. 21).

V. Conclusion: a final word

**QUOTES**

1. Sir Edward Clark:

*As a lawyer I have made a prolonged study of the evidences for the first Easter day. To me the evidence is conclusive, and over and over again in the High Court I have secured the verdict on evidence not nearly so compelling. … As a lawyer I accept it unreservedly as the testimony of men to facts that they were able to substantiate.*

2. C. S. Lewis:

*Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and, if true, of infinite importance. The one thing it cannot be is moderately important.*

3. Rhett P. Dodson:

*The way we live should reveal what we actually believe, and what we believe should have a sanctifying effect on the way we live. Here, then, is the question you ought to ask yourself: am I living a resurrection shaped life?*

4. Charles Spurgeon:

*Christians must be prepared to walk the straight and narrow path. They must have bold, unflinching, lion-like hearts, loving Christ first and his truth next, and Christ and His truth more than all the world.*

5. Jared Longshore:

*We don’t set our hearts there that we might escape the trouble here. We are not afraid to look danger square in the face. We set our minds and hearts there for that is where we really are. For God has raised us up with Christ Jesus and already set us in the heavenly places with him. So we worship, love, eat, procreate, work, sweat, serve, and pray with heart and feet firmly planted in two places. We are in the heavenly place and firmly planted on God’s earth. We live in resurrection power—a power which Yahweh the death-destroyer is already causing to spring forth.*

**SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE TEXTS**

* **Matt. 12:30; Phil. 3:7-11; Eph. 2:4-7; Col. 3:1-4; Col. 2:6-15**