**SERMON SHEET 3/31/24**

**Easter Sunday**

**“The Resurrection of Jesus and Our Justification”**

**Text: Matthew 28:1-8**

I. Introduction

II. We rejoice in the God-centered gospel reality (Romans 4:20-25).

III. We avoid the man-centered gospel counterfeits.

1. “A personal relationship with God”
2. “Asking Jesus into your heart”
3. “Making Jesus your personal Lord and Savior”
4. “God chooses those who have a heart to choose Him”

IV. We ponder the thought-provoking gospel question.

V. Conclusion: a final word

**QUOTES**

1. Martin Luther:

*In these verses the whole of Christianity is comprehended.*

2. Thomas Schreiner:

*Jesus’s resurrection authenticates and confirms that our justification has been secured. The resurrection of Christ constitutes evidence that His work on our behalf has been completed. The death and resurrection of Christ fulfill the promise of universal blessing made to Abraham, for they are the means by which all peoples enter into the new people pf God.*

**SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE TEXTS**

* **Rom. 4:1-4**
* **1 Cor. 15:3-4; 1 Pet. 1:3**
* **Rom. 4:17; Eph. 2:4-7**
* **Acts 2:32-36**