

Easter Series
Let the Ruins Come to Life
Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018

Introduction - Friday and **SUNDAY** are connected.

I. Why did Jesus **NEED** to rise from the dead?

- To prove He really is who He **CLAIMED** to be - Acts 1:3
- To conquer **DEATH** for Himself and for us - Revelation 1:18 NKJV;
The power to **UNLOCK** death for all - Philippians 3:10
- Questions: Do you know **CHRIST**?
Do you know the **POWER** of His resurrection?
- Ruin: something reduced to a state of **DECAY**, collapse or disintegration of someone's life - Ephesians 1:19-20 TLB

II. Jesus in the Temple - Isaiah 61:1-4

- How?
 - Stop dying; The Good News *Quote - Easter is "Death working backwards" - C.S. Lewis; The catch? - John 11:25-26
 - Start rebuilding; Grace will meet you **WHERE** you are but it will never **LEAVE** you where it found you
 - Stop doubting; God sees **GREATNESS** in me when I can't see it myself
 - Start living; Bringing life and **HOPE** to others

Conclusion - Jesus didn't come to make **BAD** people good. He came to make spiritually **DEAD** people alive!

A. I'm **ALREADY** in a real relationship with Jesus.

- B. I'm **BEGINNING** a real relationship with Jesus
- C. I'd like to **CONSIDER** it a bit more first.
- D. I don't ever intend on making that decision.