

UNSTOPPABLE GOD + UNSTOPPABLE CHURCH

The Easter week is a yearly reminder that we serve an unstoppable God. Not even the grave could hold Jesus! That first Easter Sunday was the day the world learned who Jesus really is- the eternal God, the King of kings, the Lord of lords. But what does that mean for us today? Now that we've celebrated Easter, how will our lives be different this week?

Read John 20:11-20

What parts of this account of the Resurrection stick out to you? Why?

We must remember that to the disciples, Jesus was dead and was never coming back. Though many times He had told them what was coming, it simply didn't click. How do you think it changed the way they think and live seeing Jesus alive again?

Clearly, it would've challenged their very notion of how life and death work. It also would've caused them to take the words of Jesus more seriously, and to live them out. That small group of people went on to completely change the world. But since that day, something has occurred in countries all around the world. People keep trying to stop Jesus. As theologian Jon Bloom puts it **"Over and over people keep trying to bury Jesus, and he keeps refusing to stay dead."**

What do you think he means by this?

We find in the Scriptures descriptions of the church being the body of Christ. Every time they attempt to stop the work of the church, they are actually trying to stop Jesus. At one point, Jesus told His disciples that He would build His church, and the gates of Hell wouldn't stand against it.

Jesus is an unstoppable God building an unstoppable church.

How does that change the way that we live?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

What does the apostle Paul say compels us? What does that even mean?

What does it say the death of Jesus caused?

Who should those who live be living for now?

Paul implores us to live our lives in service of Jesus, the one who died so that we could all live.

What would it look like to live your life for Jesus? If you already have been, what opportunity do you have in your life right now to live for Him even more?

Read Hebrews 12:28

What is it that we are receiving? Why does that matter?

What does it look like for you to respond in this season? With gratitude? With worship? With reverence? With awe? What can that mean practically in your life right now?