

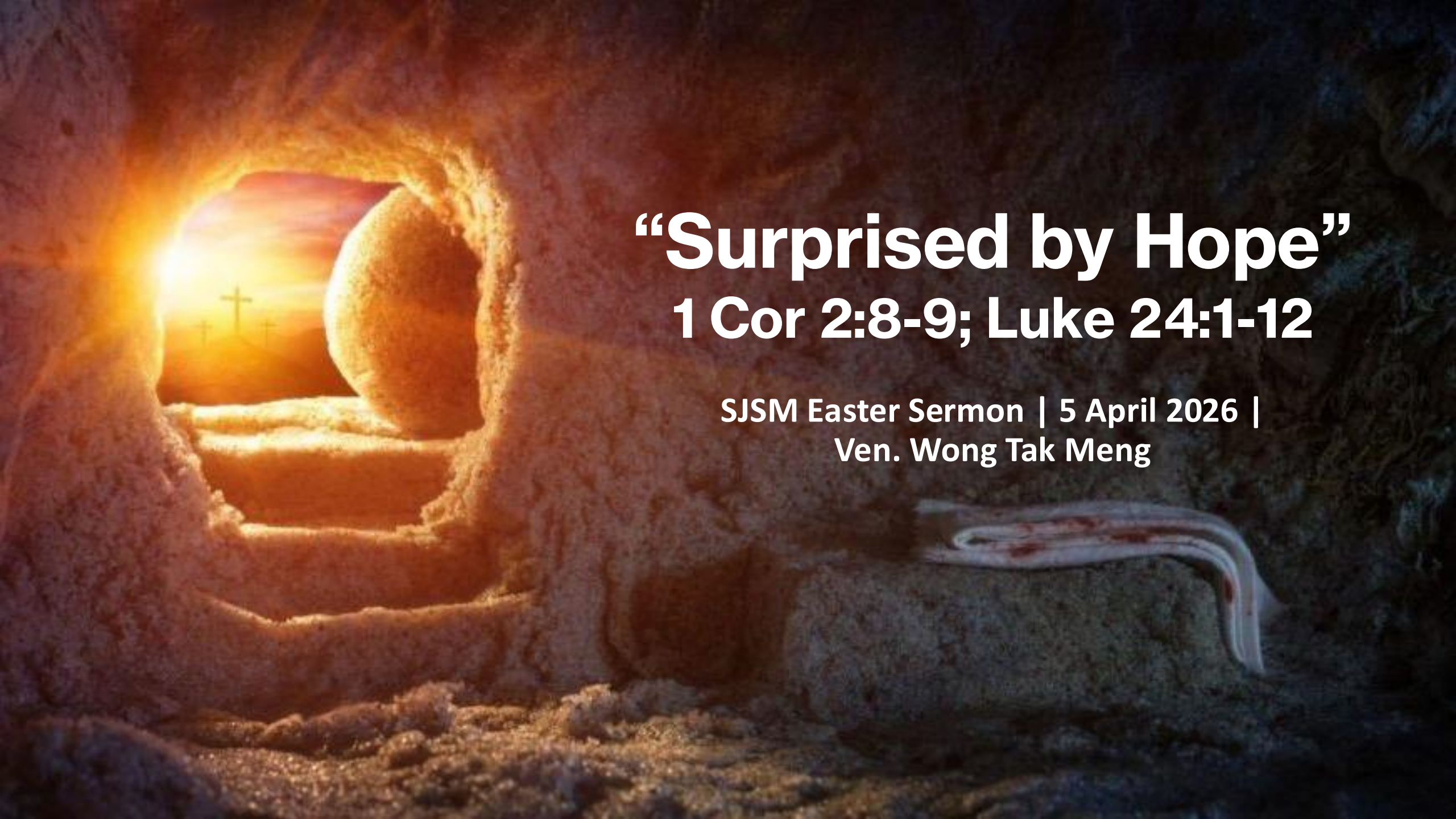
SJSM LENT & HOLY WEEK 2026:

How I've been blessed



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“Surprised by Hope”
1 Cor 2:8-9; Luke 24:1-12

**SJSM Easter Sermon | 5 April 2026 |
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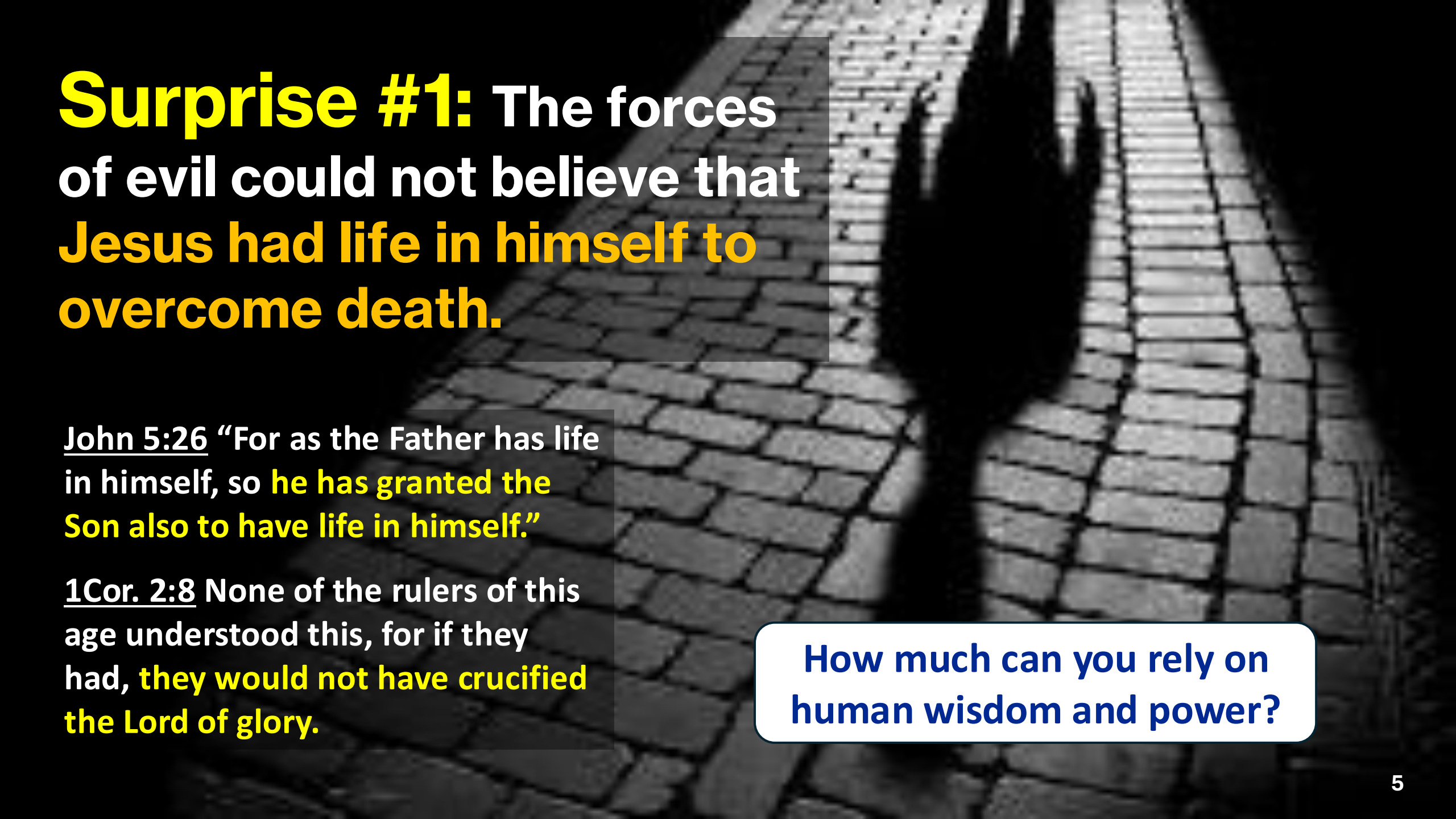


Six Reasons to believe in Christ's Resurrection

- 1. Certainty of death by crucifixion**
- 2. Posting of the Roman guard (Matt 27:64-66)**
- 3. Earthquake and empty tomb (Matt 28:1-7; Luke 24:3,12)**
- 4. Bribing of the guard (Matt 28:11-15)**
- 5. Multiple eye-witness encounters**
- 6. Spread of the Gospel based on Christ's resurrection; witnesses dying for their testimony (martyrs)**



Four Surprises
in Christ's
Resurrection



Surprise #1: The forces of evil could not believe that **Jesus had life in himself to overcome death.**

John 5:26 “For as the Father has life in himself, so **he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.**”

1Cor. 2:8 None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, **they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.**

How much can you rely on human wisdom and power?

Surprise #2: The disciples did not believe that **Jesus was more than a mortal man but truly God**

John 10:30 "I and the Father are one."

Luke 24:5-7 "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that **the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.**"

How seriously do you believe in Christ as God?

Surprise #3: Christ wants to transform us today and everyday by His resurrection power to live victoriously as His witnesses

Phil 3:8-10 I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord...10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

How much do you want Christ's resurrection power to raise you up from past hurts, setbacks and challenges everyday?

2 Cor 3:17-18 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.

Surprise #4: Christ's resurrection gives us the sure hope that **we will be resurrected with imperishable bodies when He comes again**

1Cor. 15:20-22 But in fact **Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.** For as by a man came death, **by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.** For as in Adam all die, so also **in Christ shall all be made alive.** But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then **at his coming those who belong to Christ.**

How would you live today to be ready for your resurrected body with Christ?

1Cor. 15:42-44
what is raised is **imperishable...**
it is raised in **glory...**
it is raised in **power ...**
it is raised **a spiritual body.**

**Follow Christ today,
walking in the hope
and the power
of His resurrection**

