

BIG IDEA: B/c of the risen Jesus we have forgiveness of sin, the promise of eternity, & the power to live differently.

1) INTRO

- Holy Week
 - Sun – Palm Sunday, Jerusalem, Lazarus from dead
 - Mon – cleansed the temple – house of trade/prayer
 - Tues – in temple all day then Mount of Olives, kill
 - Wed – Simon the leper, Mary/perfume, anoint advance burial
 - Thurs – 1st Lord's Supper, freedom from sin & guilt, arrested
 - Fri – secret trials dead of night, Pilate (2x), crucified & buried
 - Sat – "the forgotten day", leaders seal the tomb
 - Sun – come to anoint body, men dressed as lightning, risen!!
- The point of the cross is not just to die, but to die & rise again!
 - Defeat sin & enemy, give life forever, & hope in this life
- BIG IDEA

2) FORGIVENESS OF SIN (Col 2:13-15)

- B/c of the risen Jesus, we have forgiveness of sin!
- We all have sin that condemns us...to death
 - Thoughts, attitudes, words, actions
 - Our record of debt is very long..."record of debt"
 - Nailed to the cross...JC paid the debt!
 - Eric Says Sorry – "grace puts things right & pays the bill"
 - JC paid our bill of debt
- Jesus willingly
 - Narnia – Edmund – law of Deep Magic – Aslan/Stone Table
 - Reversed death!
- His victory over sin & death is a victory over Satan & his servants
- JC put them to "open shame" – Satan/evil/sin
- This is good news for sinners!
 - Piper – "Devil can't use unforgiven sin against those who trust in Jesus"
 - No matter our sin
 - "Jesus, There's No One Like You"

3) PROMISE OF ETERNITY – HEAVEN/ETERNAL LIFE (John 3:16-17)

- When we believe
- To believe in JC is...
 - Broken relationship w/ God – Garden of Eden, sin
 - In presence of God again
- Do you ever wish for a life with no pain? No one's angry? Cancer & dementia gone? Headaches, flu, reading glasses are no more? Gossip, abuse, betrayal, heartache have no place?
 - That day's coming! Forever and ever b/c of risen Jesus!
 - For those who trust/surrender to JC
- Witmer book – big bowl of ice cream, hot fudge, sprinkles, cherry
 - Promise of eternity is true...to those who believe
- Do we believe?

4) POWER TO LIVE DIFFERENTLY – INTERNAL/EXTERNAL

- **John 14:15-17** – Internal
- These words of Jesus took place on Thursday night
 - Jesus promised to give us the HS (v25 – "Helper")
 - HS will dwell with us AND in us
 - HS gives us ability to obey/please God
 - We want to live differently...not yet perfect
 - Desire of our heart
 - Fight/run/confess sin
 - We have confidence/assurance we're forgiven b/c of blood of JC
 - HS helps us w/ personal holiness AND look beyond ourselves
- **Acts 1:8** – External
- HS gives us power to share good news of life in JC
 - We need his help in this
 - Dead people need to know salvation & life...in JC
 - We needed someone to share good news w/ us
 - HS will help us to share the best news in the world – that we life b/c of Jesus!
 - We want others to know forgiveness of sin & life too

5) CONCL