

SERMON OUTLINE:

EASTER SUNDAY 2024



TOPIC:	An offer too good to ignore.
MAIN POINT:	The resurrection of Jesus offers an inheritance too good to ignore.
INTENDED RESPONSE:	We can explore and accept this offer and find life now.
KEY VERSE:	John 20:1-18

INTRODUCTION:

- + An incredible offer of an inheritance.
- + Right to be sceptical but an offer too good not to explore.
- + The resurrection of Jesus is like this — an offer too good not to explore.

Intro launch: *What does the resurrection of Jesus offer? What is so good?*

A. GOOD TO BE SCEPTICAL BUT THE RESURRECTION IS BELIEVABLE AND RATIONAL

- + Let's look at some evidence for the resurrection from our passage.
- + Why did all the gospels make women the first witnesses of the resurrection when they were not regarded as reliable witnesses?
- + What can explain the extraordinary changes in the lives of the disciples?
- + Christian faith has always needed evidence for the resurrection.

B. THE RESURRECTION IS PERSONAL AND MERCIFUL

- + The resurrected Jesus is personal, gentle and merciful — not like most superheroes.
- + The resurrected Jesus continues to be gracious and personal and merciful.

C. THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS OFFERS AN INHERITANCE TOO GOOD TO IGNORE

- + The resurrection of Jesus means more than a good moral code to live by — and more than life after death.
- + The resurrection of Jesus offers new life now — free from guilt and shame — and free from the fear of death.
- + The resurrection of Jesus means that we can share in the riches and inheritance of Jesus and enjoy new life now — as an adopted child of God.
- + This is an offer too good to ignore!