



## Sermon Notes: Because He's Risen

### 1. You have freedom from the past.

*John 21:15-19*

- a. A living Savior means your guilt is removed.
  
- b. A living Savior means your shame is covered.
  
- c. A living Savior means your identity is transformed.

### 2. You have power for the present.

*Acts 2:14-41; Acts 4:8-20*

- a. A living Savior empowers you to follow him personally.
  
- b. A living Savior empowers you to share him boldly.

### 3. You have hope for the future.

*1 Peter 1:3-9*

- a. A living Savior gives you the assurance of purposeful trials.
  
- b. A living Savior gives you the assurance of eternal life.



## Application Questions: Because He's Risen

1. Imagine you've just seen your Messiah arrested and beaten; you've just heard him falsely accused and condemned to die. Now the people who did that to him are looking at you. What are you feeling?
2. Imagine you've just denied and cursed your Messiah because of #1. What are you feeling now?
3. When have you experienced the emotions you listed under #1-2? When have you felt most guilty or most ashamed?
4. Read Colossians 2:13-14, Ephesians 2:1-6, and Hebrews 10:19-23. How do these passages speak to the universal problem of guilt?
5. Think of something you're really passionate about. What motivates and empowers you to be involved with this?
6. What is the functional power behind your spiritual life? What do you instinctively rely on in order to be a good person?
7. What is your real power for spiritual life according to 2 Corinthians 4:7 and Philipians 3:10? What difference would this make if you could really believe it?
8. What is the ultimate thing you hope for in your relationship with God? On a scale of 1-10, how certain are you that's going to happen?
9. How does Titus 2:11-14 speak to this topic of a future hope? Who/what is this hope? How certain can you be of this hope?
10. What one thing will you do this week in light of this message? How does God want to renew your freedom, power, and hope through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ?