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Title: The Servant King in Victory, Pt. 7: "He Remained Dead" – Mark 15:42-47

Big Idea: Jesus remained dead to defeat death and declare His victory to those who were dead.

What in the message stood out to you?

What unanswered questions do you have?

1. Jesus remained dead.

Read Mark 15:42-47. Why do you think Mark spends so much time discussing the burial of Jesus? Why is it so important for him to demonstrate that Jesus truly died and was truly buried?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-4. Based on this passage, what are the three elements of the Gospel message? Why is the burial of Jesus an important element?

What did the death of Jesus on the cross accomplish for us?

If the death of Jesus fully atoned for our sin, why do you think Jesus needed to remain dead for three days before rising again?

2. Jesus remained dead to defeat death.

Read Luke 16:19-31. What can you learn from this passage about the realm of the dead prior to the death and resurrection of Jesus?

Read Luke 23:43, Romans 10:7 and Ephesians 4:9. What do these passages suggest about where Jesus went after He died?

Read Acts 2:27-28, Revelation 1:18, and 1 Corinthians 15:55-56. What do these passages suggest about what Jesus accomplished in between His death and resurrection? How should this impact our daily lives?

What do you think it means that Jesus has the keys to death and Hades?

3. Jesus remained dead to declare His victory to those who were dead.

Read 1 Peter 3:18-19 and 1 Peter 4:6. What do these passages suggest Jesus did while in the realm of the dead? What questions do you have about these passages? Is there anything you find confusing? How can you seek out answers to your questions?

Read Ephesians 4:8. How did Jesus' resurrection and ascension impact the realm of the dead? How should this encourage us?

Read Philippians 1:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:8. How should these verses impact our view of what it means to be dead in Christ? How should this impact our daily lives?

Oneness & Witness Takeaways:

- ***Rejoice that your believing loved ones who have died are right now dwelling in the very presence of God Himself!***
 - Spend a few minutes sharing stories about your believing loved ones who have died and thanking God for taking them to be with Him!
- ***Put your faith in Jesus and share the Good News of Jesus with others, so that you and they can ascend into heaven when you die!***
 - Share your story of coming to faith in Jesus.
 - Share the names of some people you would like to see put their faith in Jesus. Spend a few minutes praying for them.
- ***Have hope for loved ones who have died and you don't know for sure if they ever put their faith in Jesus. Remember the thief on the cross and realize there is always hope because of Jesus.***
 - Do you have some loved ones who have died and you are not sure where they are?
 - Spend a few minutes thanking Jesus for the hope that His death, resurrection and ascension provide.