THE LIVING

RESURRECTION WEEKEND

Lk 24:1 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. 2 And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men suddenly stood near them in dazzling clothing; 5 and as the women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living One among the dead? 6 "He is not here, but He has risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee, 7 saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again." 8 And they remembered His words, 9 and returned from the tomb and reported all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. 10 Now they were Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James; also the other women with them were telling these things to the apostles. 11 But these words appeared to them as nonsense, and they would not believe them. 12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen wrappings only; and he went away to his home, marveling at what had happened.

INTRODUCTION

The story of the resurrection is not just the basis of our faith but the way it all went down speaks to the power that's in His name. They hung him on a cross and He forgave the men who killed Him. He loved the criminals beside Him. He set up a trust fund for His Mother

while dying. AND WHEN HE DIED, OTHER DEAD FOLK GOT UP FROM THR GRAVE!

We are not free because of the noble death of a great prophet, we are free because God wrapped Himself in dirt and gripped death by the throat until he cried Uncle!!

1. The Look and Smell of Death Cannot Be Changed

Nearly a hundred pounds had already been put on His body on Friday by two suspect followers RELIGION

Jn 19:38 After these things Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but a secret one for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate granted permission. So he came and took away His body. 39 Nicodemus, who had first come to Him by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds weight.

The women and their chemicals

They didn't want to deal with any stench- had their spices

Whenever the Sin and Death is High the Medication is High

I need your spices to reduce the stench of my death.

Script:

We love our dog and we love this couch but sometimes when the dog sleeps on the couch it can create a terrible smell!!!

2. The Living and the Dead Don't Cohabit

Verse 5,6 "Why do you seek the living One among the dead? 6 "He is not here, but He has risen"

A. I'm not living in the cemetery ..... yet!

There are laws that forbid me from living there...

B. The Dead are not at the Mall

There are laws that forbid them from being there

C. The Day He Saved Me was the Day I Moved Out

2Co 5:15 and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf. 16 Therefore from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him in this way no longer. 17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

3. The Living One has Power Over Death

1Co 15:20 But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. 21 For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.

A. The Embalming Spices Couldn't Keep Him in the Grave

No matter how long you've tried to beautify your death He can raise you up!

B. The Cemetery Surroundings Couldn't Keep Him in the Grave

No matter how much the culture or hereditary influence He can raise you up!

C. The Unbelief of His Friends Couldn't Keep Him in the Grave

Living ends in community but it starts as an individual DECISION