

SUNDAY IS COMING!

Text: Luke 23:44-56

Introduction:

1. Friday was a day of darkness and defeat.
 - a. Betrayed by one of his own and abandoned by the rest
 - b. A biased trial that abandoned justice for a guilty verdict
 - c. The agony of scourging and crucifixion
 - d. Death and burial
 2. Saturday was a day of doubt and despair.
 3. But, Sunday was coming – a day of victory, confirmation, and the light of resurrection!
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- I. Sunday Was Coming for Naaman (2 Kings 5:1-15)
 - A. A great, mighty man – “but he was a leper.”
 - B. Hope was brought into a hopeless situation by a little maid and a prophet of God.
 - C. Naaman had to overcome his anger.
 1. The root of his anger was pride.
 2. “Behold I thought...”
 - D. Naaman had to overcome his pride.
 1. ‘You don’t get that.’
 2. God’s way is superior to and better than my way.
 - E. Only then could he find the joy of healing.
 1. Gratitude
 2. Giving
 - II. Sunday Was Coming for the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)
 - A. A wealthy son who cried out, “I perish with hunger!”
 - B. Hope was present in the love of a father.
 - C. The Prodigal had to overcome his love of sin.
 1. He learned to hate the destructive nature and consequences of sin.
 2. But, that was not enough...
 - D. The Prodigal had to overcome his error about his father.
 1. A gracious, loving father who provided for his family
 2. He was one you could go home to...
 - E. Only then could he find the joy of restoration.
 - III. Sunday Was Coming for the Ethiopian (Acts 8:26-40)
 - A. An honest, worshipful man who was plagued with confusion.
 - B. Hope was found in a teacher of the Truth.
 1. Remember that Philip was an inspired teacher.
 2. Today, all Truth is revealed in the New Testament.
 - C. The Ethiopian had to overcome his ignorance of Scripture.
 - D. The Ethiopian had to overcome his ignorance of Jesus.
 - E. Only then could he find the joy of salvation.

Conclusion: Sunday Is Here!

1. Jesus is risen!
2. Every first day of the week we assemble because of Him.
3. We find joy in life and hope in death because of Him.
4. Eternal Sunday is coming when He returns for His faithful!