

Love Wins

The simplest meaning of Easter is that we are living in a world in which God has the last word. On Friday night it appeared as if evil were the master of life until Sunday morning came.

Mark 16:1-7

Love wins at the tomb

- What appeared to be a total loss was turned to gain.
- What appeared to be the end was actually the beginning.
- What appeared to be defeat was turned to victory.

The resurrection of Jesus means...

1. Victory is possible in the failures of our lives. Mark 16:7

- *"But go, tell his disciples and Peter..."* verse 7
- Second chances aren't earned; they're freely given because of the grace available through Jesus Christ.

2. Victory is viable in the impossibilities of life. Mark 16:2-4

- The empty tomb proclaims that nothing is beyond God's ability. The God who turned death to life can turn your impossibility to a place of possibility.
- *"...His incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms."* Ephesians 1:19-20

3. Victory is available at the end of life. Mark 16:6

- *"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"* John 11:25-26