

## Sermon Notes – Resurrection Reflections

### Read Matthew 28:1-10

How you feel about the resurrection depends on how who you are and where you're at in life.

### Resurrection Reflection - Zombie Jesus Won't Die?

#### Read Matthew 27:62-66 -- Before the Resurrection

#### Read Matthew 28:11-15 -- After the Resurrection

*Not everyone wants Jesus to live. Why not?*

***Because Jesus doesn't accept every lifestyle.***

Now you have to be very careful with this one because what many Christians do is assume Jesus loves your lifestyle but hates the lifestyles that you hate.

#### So what does Jesus hate?

*Jesus hates an overly religious lifestyle where doctrine and image are more important than changed lives.*

*Jesus hates an overly religious lifestyle that puts more emphasis on singing worship songs than it does on helping poor people.*

*Jesus hates an overly religious lifestyle that puts a barrier up to significant relationships with sinful people.*

*Jesus hates a lifestyle where the rich people live a different lifestyle than the poor*

*Jesus hates a lifestyle that is open to sexual relationships outside of marriage.*

## Resurrection Reflection – Bullet Proof Jesus – If Jesus Can't Die, Maybe I Can't Die

We say when you are baptized that your death is now completely wrapped up with Jesus' Crucified death and that your life is now completely wrapped up with Jesus' Resurrected life.

Baptism doesn't mean you get to go to heaven. Baptism means your life and your death are completely linked to following Jesus. If he is risen and you are following, then your life is in danger. But if he is still dead, then you have less to worry about.

Or do you? You're safer following Jesus into the most dangerous place than living on your own in the safest place.

### Resurrection Reflection – The Hope of the Future

*A Resurrected Jesus who opposes the injustice of life gives me hope for a Resurrected Mattoon.*

*A Resurrected Jesus who opposes such a steep division between rich and poor gives me a hope for a Resurrected Haiti.*

*A Resurrected Jesus who opposes religious show and who longs for deep personal change in a person's heart gives me hope for a Resurrected Community.*

*A Resurrected Jesus who opposes sexual immorality gives me hope for Resurrected Families.*

*A Resurrected Jesus gives me the courage to take risks with my life and with my money and with my family to try and make a difference in this corrupt, violent world of ours.*

### Read Luke 4:15-19 – Why Jesus came