**Easter 2022: Because of the Resurrection …**

Luke 24:12; 1 Peter 1:3-9

**Luke 24:12 (ESV)**But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

**1 Peter 1:3 (ESV)**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

**Because of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ …**

1. **You can have hope that lives forever!**

**1 Peter 1:3 (ESV)**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

**1 Peter 1:4 (ESV)**to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

1. **You can have a salvation that lasts forever!**

**1 Peter 1:5 (ESV)**who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1. **You can have joy that lingers forever!**

**1 Peter 1:6 (ESV)**In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,

**1 Peter 1:7 (ESV)**so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

**Matthew 28:12 (ESV)**And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers

**Matthew 28:13 (ESV)**and said, “Tell people, ‘His disciples came by night and stole Him away while we were asleep.’ ”

**Acts 1:3 (ESV)**He presented Himself alive to them after His suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

1. **You have a Savior who loves you forever!**

**1 Peter 1:8 (ESV)**Though you have not seen Him, you love Him. Though you do not now see Him, you believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,

**1 Peter 1:9 (ESV)**obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**1 John 4:10 (ESV)**In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

**John 1:12 (ESV)**But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.