# Flood Blantyre

Awakening a City of Hope

Our mission is to serve the city in love and faith with authentic connections to develop a movement of hope filled people rooted in Yesu.

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Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

JOHN 11:17-27

Jesus makes a statement that he did not only come to deal with your symptoms; He came to make dead men and women alive.

Jesus walked into the darkest of dark, so that we no longer build a house and stay comfortable in our darkness.

The problem is not just the suffering. Its not just the problem. The real heart of the problem is we are flawed to the core. That is what Jesus came for.

Don't see people for their sin, see their need.

# Your life makes a statement of what you believe about His Death and Resurrection

#### The uniqueness of Jesus:

He does not only point us to what sin is, which leads to condemnation, but he leads us out of sin, which is freedom.

No other religious leader does this.

12 Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. 14 And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. 15 We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-28

<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. 24 Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death. 27 For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. <sup>28</sup> When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

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#### Our truth today: Jesus is alive; stop living like he's in the grave.

You can choose to believe it's an old lie....

- 1. They went to the wrong tomb
- 2. Jesús' followers hallucinated his resurrection
- 3. The "swoon theory"; Jesus only blacked out
- 4. The body was stolen; the disciples lied

He is no longer in the grave. If he was, you are allowed to live however you want. He's no longer there, so you can't live like he's still in the grave.

If Christ was not raised, His death was in vain, your faith in Him would be pointless and your sins would still be counted against you with no hope of spiritual life.

"If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that he said; if he didn't rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what he said? The issue on which everything hangs is not whether or not you like his teaching but whether or not he rose from the dead."

Timothy Keller

#### What the resurrection means:

- 1. There's no sin with more power than the cross
- 2. Freedom and forgiveness
- 3. Death has no sting; there's hope for those that die
- 4. God cares for us;
  - Both in the small and the huge complications of life
- 5. Jesus is alive and reigns with power

# Our life is lived in view of his death and resurrection

The resurrection changes how you: love, work, serve, believe, trust, give, forgive, engage, quit, hope

Your life makes a statement of what you believe about Jesus, eternity, and resurrection

The resurrection changes: who we are, what we are, how we live & why we live

If you miss anything, don't miss this: There is no sin with more power than the cross. The resurrection was God's way of stamping "PAID IN FULL" right across history so that nobody could miss it.