**Pastor Demetric Felton Sr. June 30, 2024**

**The Truth Cannot Be Held Down**

Matthew 28:1-15

**Key Truth:** Though the enemy attempts to dissuade and defeat us, Jesus’ resurrection secures \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and ultimate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for every person who trusts in Him.

**The Stone Was Rolled Away:**

1. The stone was rolled away not to let Jesus out but to let his

 followers in to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the tomb was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are chosen as the very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus.

**The Resurrection of Jesus:**

1. Attests Jesus is who He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be.

2. Pronounces the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for sin has been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. Guarantees the promise of an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

4. Proves we have a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Savior, not a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ one.

5. Declares death has been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

6. Is more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than any \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ effort to

 suppress its truth.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Thank Jesus for coming to earth, dying on the cross to pay the penalty for your sins, and for defeating death on your behalf. Praise God for the empty tomb that guarantees your joy, hope, purpose, and victory Jesus’ resurrection secured for you.

**Food For Thought For the Week of June 30th:**

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

Christ’s resurrection is foundational to the Christian faith because it is the proof that Christ is who He claimed to be – the Messiah. It also affects our faith in other ways. What importance do the following passages place on Christ’s death and resurrection for us in our Christian walk?

1 Corinthians 15:12-19

Romans 5:6-8

Romans 6:5-7

Read Matthew 27:62-28:10: In what ways was the enemy at work the first Resurrection weekend? In what ways was God at work at that same time?

Where have you experienced hope, joy, purpose, and victory in Christ lately?

The best demonstration to the world of a resurrected Jesus is when His followers put their faith in action. How do the following verses describe what this looks like and reinforce this idea?

Matthew 5:13-16

1 Peter 2:15-17