



SERMON TITLE

HE DIDN'T LEAVE

SERIES

FROM EMPTY TOMB TO UPPER ROOM

DATE

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KEY SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:3

SYNOPSIS

Jesus didn't just rise from the grave—He stayed, and He is still present and at work in your life right now.

HIGHLIGHTS



BIG IDEA

Jesus didn't just rise from the grave—He stayed. He is present, and still working in your life right now.

Notes:

THE QUESTION

If Jesus is alive... what is He doing now? And what does that mean for my life?

Notes:

THE TENSION

It's possible to believe in the resurrection... celebrate the resurrection... and still not live in the reality of it. We can drift back to normal. Same routine. Same mindset. Same struggles.

Notes:

THE SHIFT

Acts 1:3 — "He presented Himself alive... appearing to them during forty days..."

The resurrection wasn't the end—it was the beginning. Jesus didn't just rise to prove something. He rose to continue something.

Notes:



WHAT JESUS IS DOING

- He reveals Himself. He is not distant—He is present.
(John 20 — Mary didn't recognize Him at first)
- He walks with you. Even when you don't recognize Him, He is right there.
(Luke 24 — Road to Emmaus)
- He forms you. He is still shaping, teaching, and transforming your life.
(Romans 8:29, Philippians 1:6)

Notes:

OUR EXPERIENCE

Sometimes Jesus is closer than we think... and we still miss Him. Not because He's absent... but because we're not expecting Him. Something can be stirring... before there is clarity.

Notes:

THE RESPONSE

Where have you been living like Jesus is absent?

Where have you stopped expecting Him?

Where have you settled into routine instead of relationship?

Are you just believing in the resurrection... or are you walking with the risen Jesus?

Notes:

TAKE THIS WITH YOU

He didn't leave. He's here.

Revealed. That's where the journey begins—from empty tomb to upper room.