

**BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH OF ERIE  
SERMON OUTLINE**

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**“BECAUSE I CAN FACE TOMORROW”**

**LUKE 24: 1-12** (page 777 in the pew Bibles)

We come to this day, to Resurrection Sunday, to the climax, to the highest point, to the culmination of Jesus’ ministry. And now we celebrate! Now we rejoice together! Not just that Jesus came to earth. Not merely that He died. BUT! That He rose from the dead!!!

We’ve heard the story many times, and we heard it read again this morning. I hope we never tire of hearing the words, **HE IS RISEN!** I hope we never cease to be amazed, to be awestruck, at the incredible fact that death couldn’t hold the Lord of Life. And, most of all, I hope we never miss this simple fact, **JESUS IS ALIVE TODAY!**

Let’s talk about what the resurrection of Jesus Christ means for us today; for you see **BECAUSE HE LIVES I CAN FACE TOMORROW.**

**Why is That?**

**I. BECAUSE HE LIVES WE HAVE HIS PRESENCE  
TO SURROUND US:**

**Matthew 28:20** – “...and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”

**II. BECAUSE HE LIVES WE HAVE HIS PEACE TO  
SECURE US:**

**John 20:21**- “Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you.”;

**John 14:27**- “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

**III. BECAUSE HE LIVES I HAVE HIS POWER TO  
STRENGTHEN US:**

**Ephesians 1:19-20**; “And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places.”

**IV. BECAUSE HE LIVES WE HAVE HIS PURPOSE TO  
STIR US:**

**V. BECAUSE HE LIVES WE HAVE HIS  
PROMISE TO SATISFY US:**

It seems that at death, there are only two groups of people – those who have **no hope** (without Christ) and those who have **hope** (in Christ – II Cor. 5:17). “Concerning them which are asleep (dead), that ye (who are alive) **sorrow not**, even as others which have **no hope**” (**I Thess.4:13**).

Winston Churchill planned his own funeral to the last detail. He died

January 24, 1965. His funeral was held in Saint Paul’s Cathedral. He had an eloquent liturgy which included many great hymns. But he also did something that was very different & interesting.

**John 3:16-17 –**

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that **WHOSOEVER** believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.”