



# BACK TO LIFE

## SERMON OUTLINE

Sunday April 4th, 2021

**Easter Sunday** - Pastor David Cooke  
Matthew 28:1-10 ESV

- **A World of Shadows**

Dave Matthews Band - Funny The Way It Is  
“Is there someone up there looking down on me?”

- **A Story of Contrasts, Of Shadows**

Matthew 28:1–10, ESV

- **The Choice In The Shadows**

- Sometimes It Really Is As Simple As This or That
- Dawn of the day, Death of the tomb

*Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.*  
Matthew 28:1

- There is no more powerful picture of the past than the tomb.  
*Coulda, woulda, shoulda.*
- Crucified, Risen

*But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.”*

Matthew 28:5–6

- Come and see, Go quickly and tell

*“He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.”*

Matthew 28:6-7

- Sometimes we have to remember the shadows so we can move to the light.

- Fear, Great Joy

*So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples*

Matthew 28:8

- Great joy comes from the dawning awareness that the darkness doesn't win. The shadow isn't all there is.

- Worshipped him, Do not be afraid

*And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”*

Matthew 28: 9-10

- What are you afraid of if you encounter Jesus?  
What are you afraid you will have to give up, to lose?

What Does It Take To Worship Jesus?

**“Used to....” People:**

- i) Kneel Before Jesus
- ii) Ask The Question

- To Worship Jesus Is To Accept Who You Are  
**You are the Beloved of God**

• **Out Of The Shadows**

• **The Shadow That Brings Life**

Shadows - David Crowder Band

*When shadows fall on us*

*We will not fear*

*We will remember*

*When darkness falls on us*

*We will not fear*

*We will remember*

*When all seems lost*

*When we're thrown and we're tossed*

*We'll remember the cost*

*We're resting in the*

*Shadow of the cross*

• **Back To Life - Out of the Shadows**

- Where are you going to focus?
- We can only live today.
- But we can live looking back or looking forward.
- The past informs us.
- The future invites us.

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”*

Jeremiah 29:11, NLT

• **ABC**

- A. **Accept** (*who you are*)
- B. **Believe** (*who Jesus is*)
- C. **Choose to Commit** (*to live in the light of Jesus*)

• **An Offer**

- *A Cup of Coffee*
- *A Conversation*
- *A Gift: "The Cure"*

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