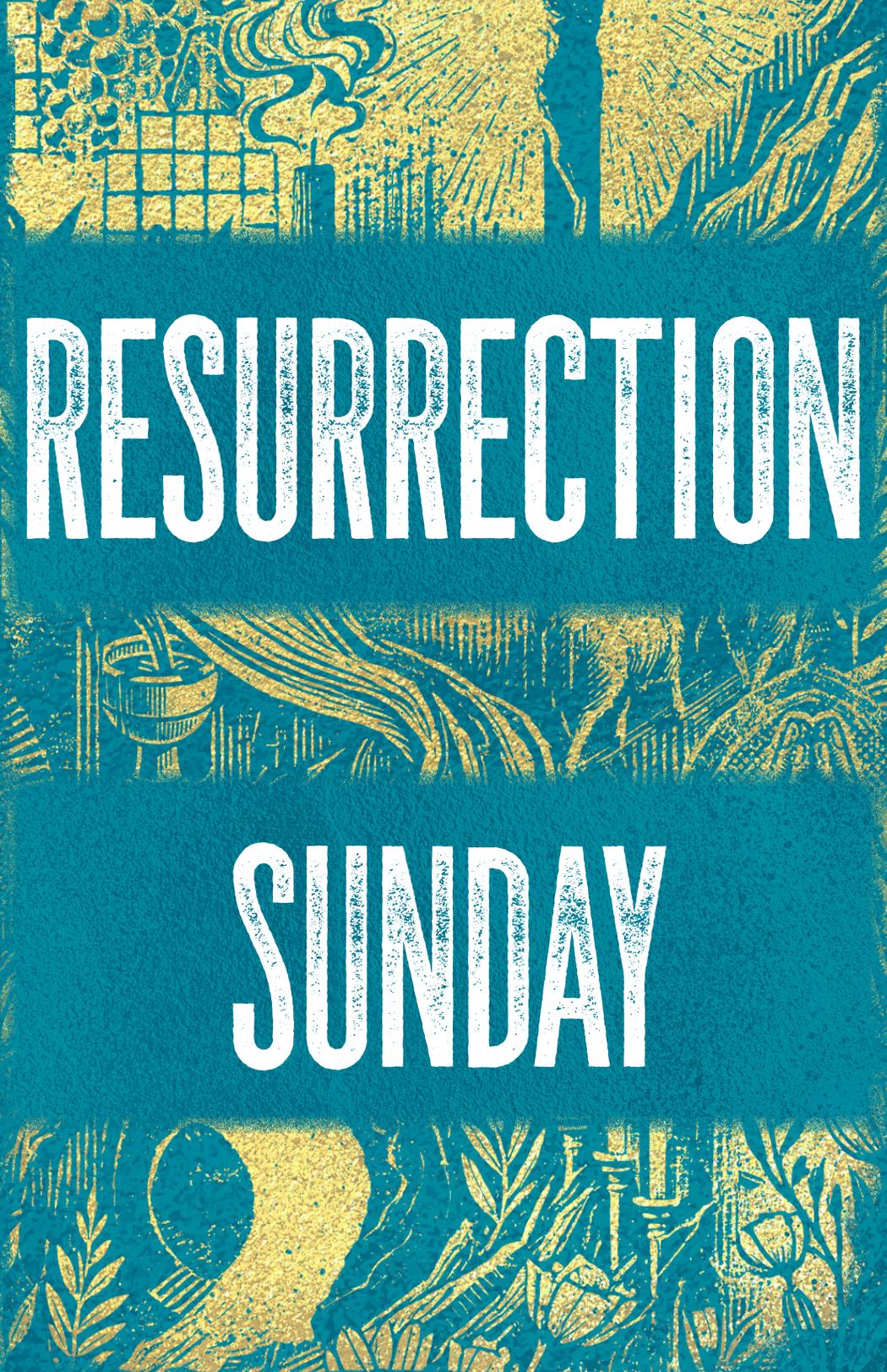


*Sermon Notes*



# RESURRECTION

# SUNDAY

**PASSAGE:** Isaiah 53:10-12, "He Was Crushed; We Are Healed."

**TEACHER:** Kirk Crager, Lead Pastor

## Bulletin Updates

### SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

You are welcome to keep your children with you in service this morning to praise our risen King, or children can go to our Sunday School session starting at the mid-service prayer. Preschool and elementary teachers will wait in the back of our auditorium to take them to the Fireside Room. Parents of toddlers please take your kids to the Toddler Room past the coffee area.

Pickup for preschoolers will be the main lobby entrance to the Fireside Room, and the pick-up line for elementary children will be down the hallway by the kitchen closest to Fireside Room B.

### EASTER POTLUCK FOLLOWING SERVICE TODAY

Easter potlucks are an Easter tradition for the New City Church congregation so they've taken the lead on planning a BBQ after today's Easter Service starting at 11:30 A.M. in our backyard/playground area.

You're invited to stay, eat, hang out, and celebrate with games and fellowship because Jesus, our great Redeemer, is alive!

### FIRST STEP AND NEXT STEP MEETING

If you committed your life to Christ today or are a new believer, we want to help you take your First Step. Also, if you're considering making Cole Community your church home, we'd love for you to join us for your Next Step.

Both groups are invited to meet with Pastor Kirk after service on Sunday, April 27 at 11:45 A.M. in the Coffee Bar area.

### MEN'S GATHERING IS MAY 4

Our next Men's Gathering is planned for Sunday, May 4 at 6 P.M. in the Fireside Room. A \$5 donation is suggested to cover the cost of food, but please contribute what you can afford. Feel free to pay at the door.

### FREE BOOKS FOR GUESTS

If you are visiting us this morning, welcome! We're thrilled you made it. Please be sure to grab a free copy of Rebecca McLaughlin's *Is Easter Believable?* from our church lobby today, and we'd love to know you were here! Tell us you were here by completing this form, and we'll reach out to you.



## Easter Sermon of St. Chrysostom

Are there any who are devout lovers of God?  
Let them enjoy this beautiful bright festival!

Are there any who are grateful servants?  
Let them rejoice and enter into the joy of their Lord!

Are there any weary with fasting?  
Let them now receive their wages!

...Let no one grieve at his poverty,  
for the universal kingdom has been revealed.

Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again;  
for forgiveness has risen from the grave.

Let no one fear death, for the Death of our Savior has set us free.  
He has destroyed it by enduring it.  
He destroyed Hell when He descended into it.  
He put it into an uproar even as it tasted of His flesh.

Isaiah foretold this when he said,  
"You, O Hell, have been troubled by encountering Him below."  
Hell was in an uproar because it was done away with.  
It was in an uproar because it is mocked.  
It was in an uproar, for it is destroyed.  
It is in an uproar, for it is annihilated.  
It is in an uproar, for it is now made captive.

Hell took a body, and discovered God.  
It took earth, and encountered Heaven.  
It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it did not see.

O death, where is thy sting?  
O Hell, where is thy victory?

Christ is Risen, and you, o death, are annihilated!  
Christ is Risen, and the evil ones are cast down!  
Christ is Risen, and the angels rejoice!  
Christ is Risen, and life is liberated!

Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead;  
for Christ having risen from the dead,  
is become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

To Him be Glory and Power forever and ever.

Amen!