

DEAD OR ALIVE

The Final Week

April 5, 2026

KEY SCRIPTURE

- [Luke 24:1–12](#)
- [John 10:10](#)
- [John 5:24](#)
- [1 John 5:11–12](#)
- [Galatians 2:20](#)

KEY POINTS

- Apart from Christ, people are spiritually dead even while physically alive.
- Jesus did not come to improve life but to give true life through His death and resurrection.
- The cross was necessary because sin brings death and separates us from God.
- The resurrection proves that Jesus is God and that death has been defeated.
- Real life—abundant and eternal—is found only in Jesus Christ.
- Salvation is not earned; it is received by believing in the finished work of Christ.
- Passing from death to life happens the moment a person truly believes in Jesus.
- Abundant life begins with dying to self and living by faith in Christ.
- Many people continue seeking life in things that only produce death.
- Forgiveness, repentance, and surrender are pathways into experiencing real life in Christ.

DISCUSSION

- Pastor Bob described being “alive on the outside but dead on the inside.” Have you ever experienced that tension? What did it look like?
- Why is the resurrection essential to the Christian faith, not just the cross?
- What are some ways you “seek the living among the dead” in everyday life?
- What does it practically look like to “die to self” and live by faith in Christ?
- How does forgiveness, both receiving it and giving it, connect to experiencing abundant life?
- Jesus says we pass from death to life through belief. What does genuine belief look like beyond just intellectual agreement?
- If someone asked you today, “Are you truly alive?” how would you answer, and why?