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## Easter '22

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Jesus spoke truth to **POWER**

### Jesus spoke truth to the **RICH**.

As Jesus was sitting opposite the treasury, He watched the crowd putting money into it. And many rich people put in large amounts. Then one poor widow came and put in two small copper coins. Jesus called His disciples to Him and said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more than all the others into the treasury." Mark 12:41-43

"How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! "Indeed, it is easier for a camel to pass the needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." -Jesus, Luke 18:24-25

### Jesus spoke truth to the **RELIGIOUS ESTABLISHMENT**.

"The teachers of religious law and the Pharisees are the official interpreters of the law of Moses. So practice and obey whatever they tell you but don't follow their example. For they don't practice what they teach.

They crush people with unbearable religious demands and never lift a finger to ease the burden. You are like whitewashed tombs—beautiful on the outside but filled on the inside with dead people's bones and all sorts of impurity. Outwardly you look like righteous people, but inwardly your hearts are filled with hypocrisy...." -Jesus, Matthew 23:2-4, 27-28

### Jesus spoke truth to **GOVERNMENT POWERS**.

Pilate said, "Do you not know that I have authority to release You and authority to crucify You?" Jesus answered, "You would have no authority over me if it were not given to you from above." John 19:10-11

### Jesus spoke truth to **DEATH**.

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me will live, even though he dies. And everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?" -Jesus, John 11:25-26

But God raised Jesus from death, setting him free from its power, because it was impossible that death should hold him prisoner. Acts 2:42

### Jesus speaks truth to **ME**.

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. Romans 8:1

This is what love is: that He loved us and sent His Son to be the means by which our sins are forgiven. 1 John 4:10

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! 1 Corinthians 15:57

If you would like a new start with God, this is a great opportunity. Talk to someone here or check out the prayer on the Connection Card on the seat back in front of you.

### Talk it Over! For my thoughts and LifeGroup\*

Share an Easter Sunday tradition that you practiced growing up.

Why is it that someone who "speaks truth to power" fascinate us? Of the above statements Jesus makes, which one appeals to you at this time in your life? Why?

Why does the concept of 'death' frighten us?

Read 1 Corinthians 15 (it's long, but cool). What is it saying to you? What would you tell someone who is freaked out over death?

We said that one of the "powers" Jesus speaks to is our self-will. Why is it so strong and why is it hard to give it up?

How and when did you become a Christ follower?

\*A LifeGroup is a group of people who are committed to loving each other and growing through times like these. For more information, connect with Pastor Len at [len@marinerscc.org](mailto:len@marinerscc.org)