RESCUED & RESPONSE

SESSION 4 - JANUARY 25, 2024



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INCARNATION: For while gentle silence enveloped all things and night in its swift course was now half gone, your **all-powerful word leaped from heaven**, from the royal throne, into the midst of the land was doomed, **a stern warrior** carrying the sharp sword of your authentic command. (Wisdom 18:15-16)

DEATH & RESURRECTION: "God made him who had no sin **to be sin for us**, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Cor 5:21) "and he is the head of his body, the Church. He is the beginning, the **first-born from the dead**, so that **in all things he may hold primacy**" (Colo 1:18)

Effects of Jesus' Death & Resurrection

- He destroyed Death.
- He transferred us from the Kingdom of darkness to His Kingdom
- He re-created us.
- He rendered Sin impotent.
- Jesus humiliated the enemy
- He gave us authority over the enemy

Why did Jesus do such a thing?

LOVE DOES SUCH THINGS. AND GOD IS LOVE. YOU MATTER. YOU ARE WORTH THE TROUBLE. You can have UNSHAKEABLE CONFIDENCE IN HIM.

DISCUSSION OUESTIONS

Is the title Warrior a new way of seeing Jesus?
How could this change your way of relating to Jesus?
What other images of Jesus speak to you?

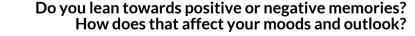
RESPONSE & MISSION

We respond with **Gratitude**: the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return <u>kindness</u>. Gratitude changes our vision towards the positive and away from the negative.

WE SHOW GRATITUDE IN 4 WAYS:

- 1. We thank Him! ... over and over for everything He has given us.
- 2. We praise Him daily in word, calling out His titles, through music, and Adoration.
- 3. We surrender our lives to Him ... again and again.
- 4. We pray for the courage to respond to His call to mission, to share the "Good News", the message of salvation with others.

QUESTIONS



Has someone expressed sincere gratitude for something you did for them? How did you respond? Can you accept gratitude graciously?

When you have expressed gratitude to someone, how have they responded?



Music: This is our God by Phil Wickham & The Lord's Prayer by Don Moen