I. Luke 23:33-46

- A. Sorrow for the Followers, Victory for the Enemy
 - 1. Can you imagine that moment? The Savior, The Redeemer...He was the One...
 - 2. Satan and his demons cheering in victory...the Son of God, the one who created so much havoc in the 3 years of ministry - He healed the sick, cast out demons, stopped winds and waves and even raised the dead back to life...This man was finally dead!
- B. The Story Behind the Story 3 days...3 places (Hear it again in a whole new way...Hear it again and Let It Be Today - a day that makes the difference in your life, a day that you put the devil on notice...today you will be free!)
 - 1. When Jesus said in **John 19:30**, "It is finished, it had actually just begun!"
 - 2. The First Place Jesus went to after death overtook his natural body Hell, the Center of the Earth - Matthew 12:40 (Why did He go there? One Purpose and One Alone – to Confiscate the Keys!) – Revelation 1:18 / "O Death, where is your sting? O Grave, where is your victory?"
 - 3. <u>The Second Place</u> **Paradise or Abraham's Bosom** Why? To Reveal Himself to those who had no access to heaven) - Luke 16:22-23
 - 4. The Third and Final Place Heaven Why? To Complete the Mission; to show Himself to His Father as the ultimate victor, the sacrificial lamb that was slain and rose again.
- C. Look carefully at the story of the resurrection on Sunday, the first day of the week. John 20:14-17
 - 1. The Veil that was rent in 2 pieces...why? To show that there was no separation any longer; no barrier between your wrong doings and God. "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; Old Things are past away and all things have become new!"
 - 2. My Father and Your Father; My God and Your God!
- II. What happened next...
 - A. Jesus showed Himself for 40 days to His followers...
 - 1. If there was any question about the 500 plus prophecies that Jesus fulfilled, the miracles He did, there is one thing for certain that no one can deny....Jesus didn't just die, He rose again!
 - 2. As He departed this earth, He entered heaven where He has been seated for the last 2000 years.
 - B. But there's more...

- 1. Satan thought he was still in charge, after all, he carried the title, "the prince or god of this world". But he missed the conversation that Jesus had with His followers before He went to the cross *John 12:31-32*
- 2. Satan, in his fury ascended to heaven his intent was to accuse the people of God before the very throne of God, just like he had done the 4000 years before.
- 3. But this time, someone met him before he ever reached the gates...someone who had looked forward to this day for a very long time (*Revelation 12:7-11*) / All access for the enemy has been denied; all accusations, shame and guilt have been paid in full.... How?
- III. The Blood...The Precious Blood of the Lamb (SYNTH)
 - A. The Seven Places Jesus shed His Blood
 - 1. The Garden of Gethsemane His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling to the ground." (*Jesus won back your willpower to live an abundant life on this earth*).
 - 2. The Place called the Hall where they mocked Him and smote Him, and struck Him on His Face. (*Jesus won back your deliverance from inner hurts, offences, and shame*.)
 - 3. The Whipping Post where Pilate had Him scourged and beaten with 39 stripes (*Jesus won back your complete health so you can live free from all sickness and all disease*).
 - 4. The Crown of Thorns that was upon His head (Jesus won back your peace and prosperity.... Your mind will be in perfect peace).
 - 5. The Pierced Hands (*Jesus won back your dominion and authority over every place you touch*).
 - 6. The Pierced Feet (Jesus won back your dominion and authority over every place you walk).
 - 7. The Pierced Heart (Jesus won back your right to the very heart of God).
 - B. If there was one thing I could leave with you today...
 - 1. So Many people are looking for that day...the day they get to see Jesus face to face in Heaven.
 - 2. In all of my journeys with the Lord, I have come to realize, we put of the things that are most important, we hold on to the things that only bring confusion and fear, and we never truly understand the power of what He did 2000 years ago! For if we did, we would not allow Satan to steal from us ever again.
 - 3. How do we overcome? The Blood...The Precious Blood. Stand with me today and hear me clearly... Instead of saying....Maybe one day....Tell the devil, "Jesus has the keys and He is my Savior and My King. Satan, you are finished in my life....I am no longer looking to heaven as one day, but I am making THAT day....This day!