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Sermon Title: Easter Sunday - The One Who Is Victorious

Speaker: Rich Villodas – Lead Pastor

Scriptures: Revelation 2:8-11

To the Church in Smyrna

8 “To the angel of the church in Smyrna write:

These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again. 9 I know your afflictions and your poverty—yet you are rich! I know about the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. 10 Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor’s crown.

11 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death.

Sermon Summary:

This Sunday, we join the Church worldwide in celebrating our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Pastor Rich will lead us through a passage in the book of Revelation, reminding us of the hope the resurrection offers those who believe.

Sermon Questions:

1. Reread Revelation 2:8-10. Pastor Rich encouraged us to remember what Jesus says to the church: “I am, I know, I will give.” How do these truths encourage you?
2. Where do you need God to show up in the middle of your pain and suffering?
3. Jesus gives to us abundantly. There are two ways we can live: 1) Receiving from God or trying to get for yourself 2) Making something of yourself or letting God make something of you. What challenges do you find in seeking to receive from God and allowing him to make something of you?
4. Pastor Rich shared a story about having behind the scenes access at an NBA game and needing to say, “I’m with him” whenever he was questioned about why he was there. How does the truth of knowing you are with Jesus impact what you believe about yourself and how you live?