

SERMON NOTES

A Full Life
Acts 1:1-11

A full life doesn't neglect the past, and ignore the future. But a full life lives every day defined by the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are living history every day! Just as there have been historic moments in the past, there will be historic moments in the future that shape and define the history of humanity. However, the most important event in human history has been and will always be the resurrection of Jesus. In John 11:25-26, Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies." A new world-view exploded on the scene at the resurrection. The disciples were transformed and the church exploded. This would have never happened without an empty tomb. The resurrection provided the framework for interpreting, and living life. The disciples' attitude and approach to life was defined by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Key thought: Your attitude and approach to life should be defined by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Anticipating the return of Jesus, we...

- **Wait expectantly** – The resurrection provides the reason for your hope. (1:1-3)

Jesus predicted his passion and resurrection three times (*Matthew 16:21; 17:22-23; 20:17-19; 17:12; Luke 13:33; 17:25; 22:15*), and was aware of the redemptive significance it would have (*Mark 10:45*). Jesus' followers were bewildered by these predictions (*Matthew 16:22; 17:23*) and were dispersed by his arrest (*26:31, 56b*). It was only his resurrection that opened the door to their understanding of his death as a redemptive event.[1]

- **Wait eagerly** – The resurrection fills you with hope. (1:4-5)
- **Wait actively** – The resurrection inspires you to share your hope. (1:6-8)

Final question: Do you have hope? (1:9-10)

[1] Myers, A. C. (1987). *The Eerdmans Bible dictionary* (796). Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans.