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The **faithfulness** of the Father: This year has been focused on Because God is LORD. Everything that we have looked at through His word is just a reminder that He is LORD and will always be LORD. I would like to end this year with a profound and consequential thought. **But God....**

***Acts 13:27-30, "The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize Jesus, yet in condemning Him they fulfilled the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath. Though they found no proper ground for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have Him executed. When they had carried out all that was written about Him, they took Him down from the cross and laid Him in a tomb. But God raised Him from the dead."*** (NIV)

The understanding of these verses is two-fold. First, it substantiates that we are sinful and tend to not see the ways of the LORD even when they are standing right in front of us. From God's perspective, He was fulfilling the promise and covenant that He had made with Abram, David and His people. He knew that Jesus would be born to die and then rise again. Even though He was absolutely innocent of any sin, He became sin for us. Thus, in the fulfillment of the purpose He came. But ultimately, even after death and burial, the plan of God was fulfilled for all people. ***But God raise Him from the dead.***

Why would He do this? Because God is Love and because God is LORD. And because He is both Love and LORD, He now wants to give everyone eternal LIFE. And so tomorrow, we begin the study of real, purposeful and meaningful life. This is what He has intended for us all along. I hope you will join me as we search the scriptures and allow the Spirit to bring it to life for all of us. God bless you all. - Pastor Rod

**Dear LORD, You are Love. You are LORD. And You came to give us life. You have done everything for us. I pray we will give You the glory that You deserve. In Jesus Name, Amen**