Firstfruits

I. Firstfruits
   A. 1 Corinthians 15:20-23
   B. Paul is discussing Jesus being raised from the dead.
   C. He calls him the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
   D. Up until Christ, there was death. Christ brings life.

II. Adam
   A. Romans 5:12 - Sin came into the world.
   B. Romans 6:23 - The wages of sin is death.
   C. Adam represents sin and death. His actions spread to all. Sin leads to death.
   D. Jesus was the answer for that problem of sin and death.

III. Life
   A. Romans 5:15-17 - Jesus' actions bring life to all through God's grace.
   B. Romans 5:18-21 - Sin brought death, Jesus brought eternal life.
   C. Jesus represents life to all who belong to Him. We can live with confidence.
   D. What is the key to that for us?

IV. Raised
   A. Matthew 28:5 - "He is not here, He has risen"
   B. Romans 6:3-5 - United with Christ
   C. 1 Corinthians 15:12-19 - Everything would be in vain, death would reign.
   D. 1 Corinthians 15:53-58 - No fear of death

V. Conclusion
   A. Christ was raised first, never to die again.
   B. His empty tomb leads to life.
   C. When we obey we unite with Him.
   D. Death has no power over those who belong to Him.