



BREAKING THE ICE

What is one of the best Easter memories you have?

How did you celebrate Easter this year?

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When Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life,” he was talking about his life, death and resurrection. We celebrate all of those things during Easter every year.

We can read about the death and resurrection of Jesus in John 18-20.

Before his death, in John 14, Jesus tells his disciples about him leaving (predicting his death). The disciple Thomas is confused, he wants to know where Jesus is going and how he can go with Him. Thomas has a lot of questions for Jesus, and Jesus doesn't dismiss Thomas or his questions.

Just like Thomas, we have questions. There are things we don't understand. As Pastor Kevin said, “Jesus can handle your questions. Being a follower of Jesus isn't understanding everything, it's giving yourself to the truth that you already possess.”

1. When is a time you had some tough questions for God? How did you work through those questions?

The day Jesus was betrayed was a dark day, we can imagine the disciples had a lot of tough questions that day. We call the day Jesus was betrayed and crucified Good Friday. But if you were a follower of Jesus during that time, there didn't seem to be anything good about that day. Their Lord was gone. He was dead, and they were left wondering what had happened.

2. Have you ever dealt with a situation in which you wondered where God was during the darkness? How did you get through that time? What did you learn during that time?

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Our darkest days can seem like they last forever. We sit waiting and wondering when God is going to show up. Asking Him, “When are things going to change? When will this be over? What do you want me to learn through this?”

But those dark days don’t last forever. Jesus came back from death. His resurrection gives us hope that we’ll get through the darkness and overcome our circumstances.

3. What does the resurrection of Christ mean to you?

When the disciples originally saw the cross, it represented the death of Jesus. But then Christ was resurrected from the dead and the cross gave us a new hope that through Him, we have victory.

When Jesus died on the cross and was resurrected, He took all of our sin and shame with Him. We don’t have to fear death if we put our trust in Him. He has forgiven us of our sins and made us whole. We have eternal life with Him.

4. How does knowing that Jesus took death upon Him on the cross change the way you think about death?

Christ’s resurrection changes the way we see ourselves. Jesus died on the cross to defeat death for us. He loves us more than anyone else. That may seem impossible to understand, but to Him, we are worth dying for.

5. Share about a time when you have felt Jesus’ unending love for you. How did it transform your life?

Jesus predicted his death and resurrection, and it happened just the way He said (and the way that many prophets had foretold). He has never lied. His promises remain true. We can trust what He says.

6. Where have you seen the promises and words of Jesus bring truth in your life?

Jesus wants us to have the peace that only He can give. He wants us to experience the power of His resurrection in our lives. When we put our trust in Him and follow Him, we have nothing to fear. He gives us eternal life with Him.

7. How can you experience Christ’s resurrection in your life this week?

8. How can you share Christ's resurrection with others?

PRAYER

Father God, Thank you for sending your son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. Thank you that with his resurrection we have the opportunity to celebrate a new life with you. A life full of your peace, comfort and joy. Teach us how to pray and how to have a full life with you. Let us be a light to others so they can experience you too. In Jesus' name, Amen.

ACTION STEP

This week, take time to reflect on Christ's resurrection and what it means in your life. Take time to pray, journal and when you feel led, share with others how Jesus has changed your life.