



## BREAKING THE ICE

---

What's the best thing you remember finding in an Easter Egg growing up?

What has been the most significant thing you have learned from the Mark study these last few weeks?

Where did you see yourself seeking praise from others, trusting God's timing and handling receiving and giving this last week? How did you turn that over to God?

## MAIN CONTENT

---

Pastor Kevin started our Easter service asking, "What's your best day?"

1. What would you say your best day was?

It's easy to think about our worst days rather than our best days. The answer to our best day reveals a lot about the stage of our lives. As followers of Jesus, most of us would say the best day in history was the day Jesus was resurrected.

But before there was a resurrection, the disciples still had Friday and Saturday. There was sadness, discouragement and confusion as their savior had died somewhat unexpectedly.

2. Have you ever experienced sadness and discouragement? How did you move on from that?

### **Read John 20**

Jesus was resurrected from the dead. Some of the first people He visited was Mary, Peter, John and the other disciples. For 40 days there were 500 eyewitness accounts of seeing Him after He had been resurrected.

There are a few reasons we can believe in the resurrection. The first one is Jesus predicted his own resurrection and the second is there is an empty tomb. It was the greatest day of their life to see Jesus resurrected. Other founding religious leaders have been buried but none have been resurrected. Jesus was the only one.

3. How does Jesus predicting His resurrection and the empty tomb solidify your faith? What other things

give you a firm foundation of your faith?

The eyewitnesses of seeing Jesus were radically changed. They no longer doubted but shared the news about Him. They were so courageous about their faith, they wanted to share about Jesus with everyone they came in contact with. They were willing to die for their faith.

There are four implications of the resurrection. The first one is your worst day does not define you. **2 Corinthians** 5:21 says, “God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God “. There is nothing you have done that can not be forgiven.

4. How have you felt God’s forgiveness change you in the past?

The resurrection means your last day is not the end. We have the opportunity to live with Jesus in eternity. The resurrection also means there is peace for today. Jesus promises His peace for all of our anxiety, fear, struggles and confusion. All we have to do is ask for it.

5. How have you experienced His peace in your life?

The resurrection means there are better days ahead. In Revelation 21, it says, one day, “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” “

We don’t have to wait until heaven to have better days. He promises us better days when we put our faith and trust in Him. He can heal relationships, broken hearts, redeem what has been lost.

6. How has your life changed after putting your trust in Jesus?

7. What do you need to let go of and give to Jesus this week?

The best day of our lives can be the day we put our full trust in Jesus. Our past does not define us, there is a promise of eternity when we follow Him, His peace flows freely when we ask Him and He promises better days are ahead.

## CLOSING PRAYER

---

God, thank you for the resurrection that promises us better days, peace and forgiveness. Help us remember the salvation you have given us and give us the faith to tell others about You. Give us the faith and hope we need to continue in our faith journey. Lord, reveal yourself to us and who you have created us to be. In your name, Amen.

## ACTION STEP

---

+Next week we start a new series called “Made New”. Pray and ask God who you need to invite to church with you in the next few weeks.

+ Take some time to ask God what needs to be resurrected in your life? Where have you been holding onto things that you need to give Him?