

# Easter - Jesus Say What?!?

Easter Sunday—Jesus rose from the dead? Say what? And that means we don't have to fear sin or death? Say what? That sounds like great news!

- John 2:19 & Matthew 16:21, 17:23, 20:19 -
  - *Jesus said, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."*
  - *Jesus began to explain to his disciples that... "he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life".*
  - *"They will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised to life." And the disciples were filled with grief.*
  - *"and will hand him over... On the third day he will be raised to life!"*
- Mark 16:1-3 - *When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. 2 Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb 3 and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"*
- Luke 24:20-21, 25-27 - *(Easter on the road to Emmaus) The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place... 25 He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.*

Forgetting what Jesus said = **life-changing!**

- Mark 16:4-6 - *But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. 5 As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. 6 "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.*
- Luke 24:6,7 - *Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 7 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'* " **8 Then they remembered his words.**

Hearing what the Angel said = **life-changing!**

- John 20:19-21 - *On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. 21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you!"*

Hearing what Jesus said = **life-changing!**

- 1 Peter 1:3,4 - *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.*

Knowing what Jesus did = **life-changing!**

- John 11:25,26 - *25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; 26 and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.*

Easter = **life-changing!**

### **Points to Ponder**

Easter Challenge: Take time this week to read all of the Easter accounts found in the 4 Gospels: Matthew 28:1-15, Mark 16:1-14, Luke 24:1-49, John 20. As you read them do these 2 things:

- Take the time to thank God for 1 specific thing that Easter means for you based on what you read.
- Take note of the words Jesus said and describe how they were life-changing to those who heard them.

***Homework: 1 Peter 1***