

SERMON SERIES: EASTER

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Sermon title:

“Easter Sunday.”

Introduction

Happy Easter! Easter is a time when we celebrate the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This past week we talked about the death of Jesus on the cross; we talked about how Jesus surrendered his spirit for our sake. This week, we get to talk about the resurrection of Jesus that changed everything.

- What is your experience with Easter? Did you grow up celebrating Easter, is this your first time celebrating, do you have any Easter traditions, etc.?

Seek the Word

Read Mark 16

- What can the story of Mary Magdalene and Salome teach us about faithfulness?
- How does this passage teach us about the power of Jesus?

Read John 20:11-18

- Why might Jesus have asked Mary Magdalene who she is looking for?
- What is the significance of Mary Magdalene being the first person to preach the resurrected Christ?
- What does this story teach us about the heart of God?

Go Deeper

Read the account of the resurrection of Jesus from the different gospels. Take note of their similarities, differences, what they emphasize, pieces they don't mention, etc.

- Matthew 28:1-10
- Mark 16
- Luke 24
- John 20

Talk About It

- Share a bit about your relationship with Jesus. Is it new? Have you been following him for a while?
- How does your daily life look different when you are walking with Jesus versus without him?
- What is your next step in your relationship with Jesus? Accepting him as your Lord and Savior, baptism, bringing someone else along on your journey, finding a mentor, praying more, etc.?
- How can you share the good news of salvation through Jesus with someone this week?

Wrap Up

Reminder: The decision to follow Jesus can make all the difference in my life.

Challenge: Commit to sharing your story with one person this week. Focus on your life before meeting Jesus, how you met him, and how your life looks different now because of it. Sometimes sharing our own story is less intimidating than beginning with the gospel, especially if the person we are talking to does not know much about God. If you share your story early on in the week, consider choosing a second person and sharing it again!