



EASTER

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.
Matthew 28:1 (NIV)

⁵ *The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.” ⁸ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.*

Matthew 28:5-8 (NIV)

Until the resurrection, sin and death had power and authority over humanity.

The resurrection of Jesus is the supernatural event that validates that who Jesus claimed to be and everything Jesus and the scriptures teach are truth.

⁹ *Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”*

Matthew 28:9-10 (NIV)

The first people Jesus appears to and the first people appointed to go and tell about the good news of Jesus’ resurrection are women.

Jesus allows people to worship Him because Jesus is God.

¹⁶ *Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*

Matthew 28:16-18 (NIV)

The resurrection of Jesus is the evidence that:

- **Jesus is the Victorious King who defeated the enemy of humanity—the curse of sin that is death.**
- **Jesus is the Sovereign King with authority over everything.**
- **Jesus is the only God who is to be worshipped.**

EASTER BIG IDEA:

When I believe that Jesus is my Victorious King who saves me, I will stand in awe of His power and experience the joy of His love.

What I believe about the resurrection will determine who Jesus is to me.

Will Jesus be my Victorious King or will Jesus be nothing?

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MY NOTES



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TEACHING SUMMARY:

The Gospel of Matthew records four different times where Jesus told the disciples that he would die and come back to life (Matthew 16:21; 17:23; 20:19; 26:32) yet none of them believed this after Jesus died. That is, until they saw a resurrected Jesus.

Up until the resurrection of Jesus, sin and death had the power and authority over all humanity. When Jesus came back to life, He took back the authority that our sin had over us. Jesus is the Victorious King who invites all humanity to receive His salvation by confessing Him as Lord.

The resurrection of Jesus was the evidence the disciples needed to believe that Jesus was all He claimed to be. What we believe about the resurrection will determine who Jesus is to us. Who Jesus is to us will lead us to live as if He is our Victorious King, or we will live like Jesus is nothing to us.

When Jesus is our Victorious King, we experience the joy of His love, and we will stand in awe of His power.

TALK-IT-OVER:

Why is the resurrection of Jesus so important?

What place does Jesus hold in your life?

What are the barriers you face to submitting your entire life to Him?

What is one next step you need to take today?

Who do you need to tell about what you've learned?

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING:

Day 1) Acts 2:29-36

Day 2) Luke 24:13-35

Day 3) Luke 24:36-49

Day 4) John 20:24-31

Day 5) John 21:1-14

Day 6) 1 Corinthians 15:3-8