

THE MESSAGE OF EASTER
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*“Very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. So they went in, but they didn’t find the body of the Lord Jesus. As they stood there puzzled, two men suddenly appeared to them, clothed in dazzling robes. The women were terrified and bowed with their faces to the ground. Then the men asked, ‘Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? **He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead!**”*
– LUKE 24:1-6

*“I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. **Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said.**”* – 1 CORINTHIANS 15:3

Jesus _____ on the cross

“When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners.” - ROMANS 5:6

“He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone.”
– 1 TIMOTHY 2:6

Jesus _____ from the dead

“If Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless...And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins. In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost... But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died.” – 1 CORINTHIANS 15:14, 17-18, 20, NLT

“What a God we have! And how fortunate we are to have him, this Father of our Master Jesus! Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we’ve been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, including a future in heaven—and the future starts now! God is keeping careful watch over us and the future. The Day is coming when you’ll have it all—life healed and whole.” – 1 PETER 1:3-4, MSG

WHY EASTER?

It was never God’s _____ for us to die

It was God’s plan for us to live _____

It wasn’t even God’s plan for us to _____

If our first parents hadn’t _____ God and eaten the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden, sin wouldn’t have entered the world

The reality is that we all face the _____ of what they did

BUT THIS IS NOT THE LAST WORD...

The resurrection of Jesus was the _____ of death

The resurrection of Jesus says that we can _____ beyond the grave

“Christ died for us so that, whether we are dead or alive when he returns, we can live with him forever.”
– 1 THESSALONIANS 5:10

THE BEST NEWS OF ALL

Death _____ when Christ _____ = Christ died so that we may live

“When he died, he died once to break the power of sin.”
– ROMANS 6:10

“I came so everyone would have life, and have it fully.”
– John 10:10, CEV

“If the Son sets you free, you are truly free.” – JOHN 8:36

If you have loved ones who died in _____, you will see them again; they are not just a part of your past, they are also a part of your future