

Homework

Easter

Spring 2025 | Week 3

Message Date 4/20/2025

MY STORY

- 1) What is your favorite Easter tradition?
- 2) If your personality could be summed up by a type of weather, what would it be and why?

QUICK REVIEW

- 3) What caught your attention from Sunday's message?

DIGGING DEEPER / TAKING IT HOME

This week we will be unpacking the concept of “because of this, then that” within the context of the resurrection. We will explore some different implications of what the resurrection means and how it applies to our lives.

Because of the resurrection of Jesus:

Romans 1:3–5 (NLT)

³*The Good News is about his Son. In his earthly life he was born into King David's family line,*

⁴*and he was shown to be the Son of God when he was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is Jesus Christ our Lord.*

⁵*Through Christ, God has given us the privilege and authority as apostles to tell Gentiles everywhere what God has done for them, so that they will believe and obey him, bringing glory to his name.*

- 4) What is the implication from this passage about the resurrection?

Because of the resurrection of Jesus:

1 Corinthians 15:13–19 (NLT)

¹³*For if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised either.*

¹⁴*And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless.*

¹⁵*And we apostles would all be lying about God—for we have said that God raised Christ from the grave. But that can't be true if there is no resurrection of the dead.*

¹⁶*And if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised.*

¹⁷*And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins.*

¹⁸*In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost!*

¹⁹*And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world.*

- 5) What does this verse say about Jesus' resurrection, and what does that mean for us?

Because of the resurrection of Jesus:

John 15:13–14 (NLT)

¹³*There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.*

¹⁴*You are my friends if you do what I command.*

- 6) These are Jesus' words from the book of John Chapter 15. How is this the ultimate expression of love? What does it mean about His death and resurrection? Is that He loves me all I need to know?

Because of the resurrection of Jesus:

Colossians 3:1–4 (NLT)

¹*Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand.*

²*Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth.*

³*For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God.*

⁴*And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory.*

- 7) What's the implication, and what should we do with it?

Because of the resurrection of Jesus:

Acts 1:6–8 (NLT)

⁶*So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, "Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?"*

⁷*He replied, "The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know.*

⁸*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

- 8) In this passage Jesus is about to ascend back into heaven. He's already been resurrected. What is His promise, and what is the result?

Because of the resurrection of Jesus:

Romans 6:7–13 (NLT)

⁷*For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin.*

⁸*And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him.*

⁹*We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him.*

¹⁰*When he died, he died once to break the power of sin. But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God.*

¹¹*So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus.*

¹²*Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires.*

¹³*Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God.*

9) What else does the gift of the Holy Spirit mean in our lives?

CHAIR TIME TOOLS 

Reflection Questions for Chair Time: think about the following questions and pray through them with Jesus. Read John Chapter 20.

- 1) What observations do you have from this passage?
- 2) What are the implications of the observations?
- 3) Is there anything that Jesus wants you to start or stop doing because of these things?