



WEEKEND RESOURCES | APRIL 9, 2023

Easter 2023

USE THESE QUESTIONS AND RESOURCES TO HELP YOU PROCESS THE MESSAGE IN YOUR PERSONAL STUDY TIME OR WITH YOUR GROUP.

Message Recap: We celebrate Easter because Jesus was God in my grave. The grave that we deserved, the punishment for our sins is death, but Jesus died instead of us, he died in our place. Two different times in the story, we have to ask What Happened?

» Main Points

- What Happened? Jesus died.
- What Happened? He came back to life.

» Getting Started

- What was the situation in your life that caused you to follow Jesus?
- Share an experience in your life where following Jesus has made life better.

» Observation

- Read and reflect on [1 John 4:19](#); [John 20:1-10](#); [John 3:16-17](#)
- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

reachout

- As spring comes and the weather gets warmer, take advantage of time on your driveway to sit and talk to your neighbors. Check-in with your neighbors you haven't seen since you've all been stuck inside during this cold winter.

growdeep

- Why is the resurrection of Jesus so important?
- 1 John 4:19 says, We love because he first loved us. How do you see this play out in your life?
- Do you assume the best when faced with new information, or are you more skeptical? What would your response have been if you were at the tomb that first Easter?
- How does it make you feel we don't have to work to get right with Jesus because he already made us right with him?

partner with families

- This week your family can live out what Easter means for us! God's love, grace, and forgiveness are powerful reminders that we have people in our life that need to experience those things from God...through us. As a family:
 - **Love** - Plan how to show God's love to someone in your family, friend group, or neighborhood.
 - **Grace** - Talk about how grace is an undeserved gift. Have each family member give an undeserved gift this week (this can be something you make, bake, or buy).
 - **Forgiveness** - Each of us needs to receive and give this daily. As arguments come up, or fights break out between your kids this week, remind them of the way God chose to forgive us at our worst.

» Next Steps and Prayer

- How can you sacrificially love this week? At home? At work? A difficult relationship? In how you plan your time? Your budget?
- Close by praying and thanking Jesus for what he has done for us.