

## NEXT STEPS

Every Easter is a reminder of Jesus' victory over sin and death – and the victory He give us as well...

- He grasped the keys of death and Hell
- He destroyed the permanence of the grave
- He defeated satan and his demons
- He absolutely validated every promise of God
- He perfectly completed the plan and will of God, and pleased, satisfied and brought glory to God
- HE LIVES! And because He lives – we too shall live.

This week, who can you share the Gospel with?

## PRAYER REQUESTS

What/who can you be praying for this week?

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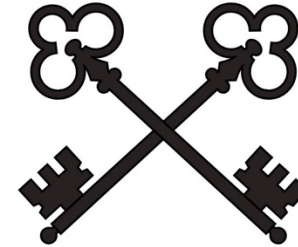
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# JESUS HOLDS THE KEYS



DEATH IS DEFEATED

TALK IT OVER

# Talk It Over Questions

For the week of March 31, 2024

*Death Is Defeated*

*Revelation 1:17-18, Luke 24:1-8*

## QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

## MY STORY

There is power in having keys; keys get us into places no one else can go. Whoever has the keys has the authority to access and enter at will. When Jesus came out of the tomb on the morning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> day, He came out holding the keys of death and Hades in His hand – proof that He had conquered death, Hell, and Satan. He has victory over sin and death – He holds the keys – that is He as the authority over death (physical death – the result of sin) and Hades (spiritual death – the penalty of sin) – that is not just GOOD NEWS – this is GREAT NEWS.

What excites you most about Jesus holding the keys to death?

We live in a day of exploding knowledge and information, yet we have no way to account for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ by purely human means. Science or human reasoning cannot explain the Resurrection of Jesus – which is why the gospel writers didn't try to describe the indescribable. Jesus died – He was dead and buried; and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day, after being in that tomb, Jesus was alive again.

How would you try to describe the resurrection of Jesus to an unbeliever?

## DIGGING DEEPER

The sight of Jesus in His resurrected and glorified form would have been powerful for anyone to behold, especially for the Apostle John. Read the following passage and answer the corresponding question.

Revelation 1:17-18

Place yourself in John's sandals for a moment. What emotions and thoughts would flood your mind if you were standing before the resurrected, victorious Jesus?

John was one of Jesus' closest friends and confidants. Jesus entrusted His mother's care to John. You would think that this beloved disciple, who followed Jesus, loved Jesus, suffered for Him and served Him would be filled with ecstasy being able to see his Lord, glorified. But this encounter with Jesus – was not a reunion of old friends. The sight of Jesus in His glory was overwhelming. But notice the comfort of Jesus – He immediately laid his hand upon John and told him to not be afraid. John must have thought, "I've seen that hand before; I've felt this touch before; I've heard this voice before. It's Him – It's Jesus."

Explain a time when you experienced the comfort of Jesus.

What happened that first Easter could be simply described as a pure miracle. Not one of us is able to understand or comprehend the power of what happened. All we can say and proclaim about Easter is that Jesus lives. Read the following passage and answer the corresponding question.

Luke 24:1-8

How does the real-life account of the resurrection of Jesus change everything?