
DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Famous Last Words / Week 4

WEEK 4

BECAUSE OF JESUS, WE CAN BE CLOSE TO GOD.

**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.**

ROMANS 6:9 NLT

DAY 1

HEAR // Easter is so much more than just a holiday to eat chocolate or a reminder that Summer is just around the corner. No, Easter is an opportunity to remember to celebrate what Jesus did for us 2,000 years ago: overcome sin and death. But things don't stop there. Easter is also a chance to celebrate what that event did for us and continues to do for us today. His death and resurrection saves us from our guilt, shame, and sin, making a way for us to be a part of the most exciting story ever told! Have you joined this exciting story by putting your faith in Jesus, who overcame death? If you have, thank God for letting you be part of His story. If not, maybe today is the day you join His story by putting your faith in Him for the first time.



**"He isn't here! He is
risen from the dead!
Remember what he told
you back in Galilee,
that the Son of Man
must be betrayed into
the hands of sinful
men and be crucified,
and that he would rise
again on the third day."**

LUKE 24:6-7 NLT

DAY 2

PRAY // When Jesus was crucified, His followers were devastated. The Leader they had come to know, love, and believe in was suddenly taken from them. That's why, when Jesus rose from the dead, it brought incredible joy to all who had followed Him. Not only because He was with them once again, but also because they knew what His resurrection meant: Jesus was who He said He was and had done what He promised to do—both for them and for us today. His death on the cross took the place of our sins, once and for all. Have you fully grasped just how much God loves you? Or that He died for you? No matter where you are in your faith and relationship with God right now, take a minute and let that truth really sink in. Today, thank God for sending Jesus.



**And this is what
God has testified:
He has given us
eternal life, and this
life is in his Son.**

1 JOHN 5:11 NLT

DAY 3

LIVE // When Jesus was on Earth, He lived a perfect, holy life. But He didn't live that perfect life for no reason. You see, God loves us so much that when He sent Jesus to live that perfect life, He was paving the way for us to experience eternal life with Him one day. The truth is, without Jesus, life after death is hopeless. But with Jesus, life after death is a real thing we can look forward to—it's a promise He has made us! How can keeping this promise of eternal life in mind give you hope when you're feeling discouraged this week?



**All praise to God, the
Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ. It is by
his great mercy that
we have been born
again, because God
raised Jesus Christ
from the dead.**

1 PETER 1:3a NLT

DAY 4

LIVE // God is powerful. In fact, it's His power that ultimately raised Jesus from the dead. He really can do anything! Maybe you know that because you've seen the power of God at work in your life, a family member's life, or a friend's life. No matter where you've seen or experienced God's power, you know that it's a reason to praise Him. And if you're a follower of Jesus, you've for sure already experienced God's great power through Jesus. After all, it's only through God's power to raise Jesus from the dead that a relationship with Him is possible! Today, make a list 1 through 5 and write down the ways you've seen God's power in your life. "My relationship with Jesus" is a great place to start.



**Early on Sunday
morning, while it
was still dark, Mary
Magdalene came to
the tomb and found
that the stone had
been rolled away
from the entrance.**

JOHN 20:1 NLT

DAY 5

HEAR // Mary Magdalene was one of Jesus' friends and most loyal followers. On the weekend of Jesus' death, she went to visit His tomb, only to find it empty! In that moment, she probably felt distraught, scared, and certainly confused. If you've ever questioned something God was doing in your life, you can probably relate! But little did she know what was ahead that day. Because soon, Jesus would appear in front of her outside His tomb, alive and well! When she saw Him, all of the worries, frustrations, and fears she'd had probably vanished. The next time you find yourself wondering where God is, remember this story. Let it remind you that even when we don't understand or can't see the full picture, God is still at work in our lives.

