

Holy Week Meditation || Sunday, April 12

Pause

Take a moment to breath. Relax your mind; calm your heart.

God's Greeting

 || *John 3:16-17*

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Worship Songs

 || *Either listen to or sing one or more of the follow songs-*

- ❖ *Oh, How He Loves You and Me* || [Lyric Video](#)
- ❖ *Glorious Day* || [YouTube](#)
- ❖ *Be Still and Know that I am God* || [YouTube](#)

Prayer

Risen Christ, the disciples were filled with fear and uncertainty but you revealed yourself as the conqueror of death. On this Easter day as we gather some grieving, some fearful, some unsure of the future, reveal yourself and fill us with hope. In your risen name we pray -- Amen.

Scripture Reading

 || *The Resurrection*

Read Matthew 28:1-10

Reflecting on God's Word

1. How do the angle's words of "do not be afraid" apply to what's happening right now in our world? How about in your life or the life of your family?
2. Take a few moments to reflect on what fears you may have and share them with each other.

Application

Find a creative way to share the hope of the resurrection today. Paint or draw a picture, write an encouraging message to someone, or use sidewalk chalk to create images of hope on your driveway or sidewalk for friends, family, or neighbors to see.

Worship Songs

 || *Either listen to or sing one or more of the follow songs-*

- ❖ *In Christ Alone* || [YouTube](#)
- ❖ *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* || [YouTube](#)
- ❖ *The Power of the Cross* || [YouTube](#)

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- ❖ *Low in the Grave He Lay* || [YouTube](#)
- ❖ *God is So Good (Children's version)* || [YouTube](#)
- ❖ *There is a Redeemer (Children's version)* || [YouTube](#)

Closing Prayer

Powerful Creator, today we celebrate your incredible love for us. Through your son, Jesus the Christ, sin and death no longer have the final victory, for by your power Jesus conquered sin and overcame death. As your children, we are heirs to that eternal inheritance. Holy Spirit, give us swift feet to carry the Good News of resurrection hope. Give us open hands to share the message of everlasting life. Quiet our hearts so we may hear where you are calling us to proclaim the glorious truth: "Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again!" In the beautiful name of Christ Jesus our risen savior, we pray – Amen.

Final Blessing || Numbers 6:24-26

²⁴ "The Lord bless you and keep you; ²⁵ the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; ²⁶ the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."