

**BEST NEWS EVER**  
**Easter Sunday**  
**March 31, 2024**

**Big Idea:** The gospel of Jesus provides healing for your \_\_\_\_\_ and hope for \_\_\_\_\_.

**HOW TO KNOW THE GOSPEL IS THE BEST NEWS EVER**

1. The gospel is verifiable through \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. (1 Corinthians 15:3-8)
  - Verified by the \_\_\_\_\_ of eyewitnesses.
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  - Verified by the growth and resiliency of the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The gospel is helpful for forgiveness of \_\_\_\_\_  
and resurrection to \_\_\_\_\_. (Col. 2:13-14; 1  
Cor. 15:17-22,26; John 5:24)
3. The gospel is available to anyone who \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus. (Rom. 6:23; Eph. 2:8-9)
  - Salvation is by \_\_\_\_\_ alone through  
\_\_\_\_\_ alone in \_\_\_\_\_ alone.

**HOW CAN YOU RECEIVE FORGIVENESS AND ETERNAL LIFE?**  
**(1 Corinthians 15:1-2)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel as truth.
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- \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus by faith.

## DAILY REFLECTIONS ON THE BEST NEWS EVER

### Monday

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-20. What are the four elements of the gospel Paul mentions in v. 3-5? Why did he say this is of “first importance”, i.e. the most important truth for us (v. 12-20)? The resurrection changes everything! Let it give you hope for today and boldness in sharing the gospel with others.

### Tuesday

Read Acts 2:14-41, a synopsis of the first Christian sermon. What role did the resurrection play in Peter’s message (v. 22-36)? This was only 50 days after Jesus had been publicly crucified in Jerusalem. Many of Peter’s listeners had witnessed it. How did the news of the resurrection affect them (v. 37), and how did they respond (v. 38-41)? Have you believed, been baptized, and added to a local church?

### Wednesday

Read Luke 24:36-53. How did the disciples verify the resurrection? What mission did Jesus give them before He ascended into heaven? When was the last time you had a conversation with someone about the gospel? Don’t be shy about sharing the BEST NEWS EVER.

### Thursday

Read Colossians 2:6-15. How should someone live after receiving Christ (v. 6-7)? Does this describe you? What deceptions should we guard against (v. 8)? Why is the gospel better? What does baptism illustrate for a believer (v. 12)? Thank Jesus for all He has done, is doing, and will do for you as one of His followers.

### Friday

Read Matt. 16:21-28. This is the first of five times in the gospel of Matthew that Jesus predicted his death and resurrection (17:9; 17:22-23; 20:18-19 & 26:31-32). Jesus boldly announced His suffering, death, and resurrection numerous times before it happened. The disciples doubted Him until it happened. Remember the resurrection when you have doubts.