



# EASTER

## AT PRESTON TRAIL



**MESSAGE:** Easter at Preston Trail

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**It's important to know what day it is**

**It's even more important to know what day it is emotionally and spiritually**

**Some of us are living in the shadows of Friday**

**For the first disciples of Jesus, Friday was a day of death, loss, and regret**

**We have our own Fridays**

**You may have Fridays that happened years ago, but they can cast a long shadow**

*"It's hard to get enough of something that almost works."* – Vincent Felitti, physician and researcher on childhood trauma

**Many of us know about the light of Easter Sunday**

**The "What" of Easter is astounding (1 Corinthians 15:3-7 NLT)**

**The disciple's frame of mind was totally changed**

**The resurrection launched a brand new movement**

**The "Why" of Easter is transforming (John 3:16; 4:13-14; 6:40; 10:10 NLT)**

**The "Why" of Easter is God's desire to give you his quality of life both now and forever**

**How do you stop living in the shadows of Friday and start living in the light of Sunday?**

**You dispel a shadow by shining a new light**

**Consider the new light of Easter (John 12:20-25 The Message)**

**What looks like the seed's demise is in fact the beginning of its harvest**

**Death is a necessary precondition for a fruitful life**

**Jesus dying for the sake of others, and God raising him from the dead reveal God's true nature and purpose—selfless love and the redemption of all things**

**Believe and walk in the new light of Easter**

**Your Fridays have defined and driven you for way too long—die to them (Galatians 2:20 NLT)**

**Your Fridays are no longer determiners of your destiny but catalysts for a brighter, more productive future—use them**

*“If you learn to use it right, the adversity, it will buy you a ticket to a place you couldn't have gone any other way.” –Tony Bennett*

**When you walk in the light of Sunday, you will want to help dispel the shadows of other people's Fridays—love them**

**Are you living in the shadow of Friday or in the light of Sunday?**

*Dear Father,*

*I have lived in the shadow of my Fridays far too long, pursuing other things to ease my pain and regret. It means so much to know that you lived through your own Friday, too. Thank you for resurrecting Jesus so that I can be confident in your love for me and your desire to give me a better life—your kind of life.*

*And now, in light of Easter, I am dying to my old life and turning to you, trusting you to turn all my Fridays into Sundays. With a grateful heart, I will walk in your light wherever you lead all the days of my life.*