



THE RESURRECTION EXPERIENCE

- The resurrection is more than a story about Jesus, it displays the _____ we get from Jesus.

The day after the Sabbath day was the first day of the week. At dawn on the first day, Mary Magdalene and another woman named Mary went to look at the tomb. At that time there was a strong earthquake. An angel of the Lord came down from heaven, went to the tomb, and rolled the stone away from the entrance. Then he sat on the stone. He was shining as bright as lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The soldiers guarding the tomb shook with fear because of the angel, and they became like dead men. The angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus, who has been crucified. He is not here. He has risen from the dead as he said he would. Come and see the place where his body was. Matthew 28:1-6 (NCV)

Responses to The Story:

- He seems like a _____ - *I don't think he "gets" me.*
- He seems a _____ - *I don't "get" him.*
- He seems _____ - *I need him.*

Know Who You Are Dealing With:

- Jesus claimed to be _____ with God.

John 5:18, 8:58-59, 10:30-38, 12:45, 14:7-10, 16:15, 17:11-22

This remark made the Jews all the more determined to kill him, because not only did he break the Sabbath but he referred to God as his own Father, so putting himself on equal terms with God. John 5:18 (Phillips NT)

- Jesus claimed to be the _____ of God.
Matthew 5:17-44, Mark 13:31, John 6:63, 8:51-52, 14:23-24
- Jesus claimed to have authority over _____.
Matthew 8:27, 28:18, Mark 1:27, John 5:27
- Jesus claimed to determine people's _____.
Matthew 7:21-23, Luke 12:8-9, John 3:14-19, 5:22-27, 6:40, 6:51, 8:12, 10:7-21
- Jesus claimed to forgive sins.
Mark 2:5-12, Luke 5:20-24

In this Story:

- The _____ is for _____ personally.
- The _____ tomb shows what's possible for _____.

And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. Romans 6:4 (NLT)

- It's more than Jesus being changed, all who _____ are _____.

God saved you through faith as an act of kindness. You had nothing to do with it. Being saved is a gift from God. Ephesians 2:8 (GW)

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9 (NLT)

You don't have to wait for the End. I am, right now, Resurrection and Life. The one who believes in me, even though he or she dies, will live. And everyone who lives believing in me does not ultimately die at all. Do you believe this? John 11:25-26 (MSG)

I'm Alive. I died, but I came to life, and my life is now forever. Revelation 1:18 (MSG)

Easter changes everything:

- You don't have to be _____ by your _____.

"He has forgiven all our sins... and canceled every record of the debt we owed; Christ has done away with it by nailing it to the cross." Col. 3:14 (JB)

- Your life _____ for something.

Christ gives meaning to your life. Colossians 3:4 (CEV)

He included everyone in His death so everyone could be included in His life, A FAR BETTER LIFE than people ever lived on their own. 2 Corinthians 5:15 (MSG)

- You can be fully _____.

It stands to reason, doesn't it, that if the alive-and-present God who raised Jesus from the dead moves into your life, he'll do the same thing in you that he did in Jesus, bringing you alive to himself? When God lives and breathes in you (and he does, as surely as he did in Jesus), you are delivered from that dead life. With his Spirit living in you, your body will be as alive as Christ's! Romans 8:11 (MSG)

What a God we have! And how fortunate we are to have him, this Father of our Master Jesus! Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, including a future in heaven—and the future starts now! 1 Peter 1:3-4 (MSG)

(Jesus said) "I came so you can have REAL AND ETERNAL LIFE, more and better life than you ever dreamed of." John 10:10 (MSG)

Action Step:

- Accept that _____ is who He _____.
If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9 (NLT)

- Exchange my _____ life for a _____ life.

My old self has been crucified with Christ.[a] It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20 (NLT)



TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- In your own words what does it mean to experience the resurrection personally?
- Read Matthew 28:1-6; What in this story stands out to you?
- How does the empty tomb show what's possible for you?
- What does new life mean to you? (What are some characteristics of a new life) What are some of the changes Jesus has made in your life since He's given you new life?
- Why do we need a new life?
- What does it mean to accept that Jesus is who He claimed to be?
- How do we exchange our old life for a new life?

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