



● Easter is an opportunity to live with **hope**.

We have been born again into a life full of hope through Christ rising from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3

...Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for. 1 Peter 1:3 (MSG)

The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you. Romans 8:11 (NLT)

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. She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, "They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" John 20:1-2 (NLT)

Mary was standing outside the tomb crying, and as she wept, she stooped and looked in. She saw two white-robed angels, one sitting at the head and the other at the foot of the place where the body of Jesus had been lying. "Dear woman, why are you crying?" the angels asked her. "Because they have taken away my Lord," she replied, "and I don't know where they have put him." She turned to leave and saw someone standing there. It was Jesus, but she didn't recognize him. "Dear woman, why are you crying?" Jesus asked her. "Who are you looking for?" She thought he was the gardener. "Sir," she said, "if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him." "Mary!" Jesus said. She turned to him and cried out, "Rabboni!" (which is Hebrew for "Teacher"). John 20:11-16 (NLT)

..."Sir," she said, "if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him." John 20:15b (NLT)

● Our experiences in life tend to **limit** the life we experience.

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We haven't experienced a resurrected Jesus if:

● We're looking for a Jesus without **life**.

"I am the resurrection and the life..." John 11:25

● We're looking for a Jesus without **substance**.

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life..." John 14:6 (NIV)

● We're looking for a Jesus without **power**.

"All power in heaven and on earth is given to me..." Matthew 28:18 (NCV)

Because of the resurrection:

● We can live with **purpose**.

... I came to give life—life in all its fullness. John 10:10 (NCV)

● We can live with **power**.

He included everyone in his death so that everyone could also be included in his life, a resurrection life, a far better life than people ever lived on their own. 2 Corinthians 5:15 (MSG)

I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead... Philippians 3:10 (NLT)

● We can live with **hope**.

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Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. John 11:25 (NLT)

And God is going to raise our bodies from the dead by his power just as he raised up the Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 6:14 (TLB)

● Jesus knows your **name** too.

Action Step:

● Give your life to the **One** who gave His life for you.

"You don't have to wait for the End. I am, right now, Resurrection and Life. John 11:25 (MSG)



**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.

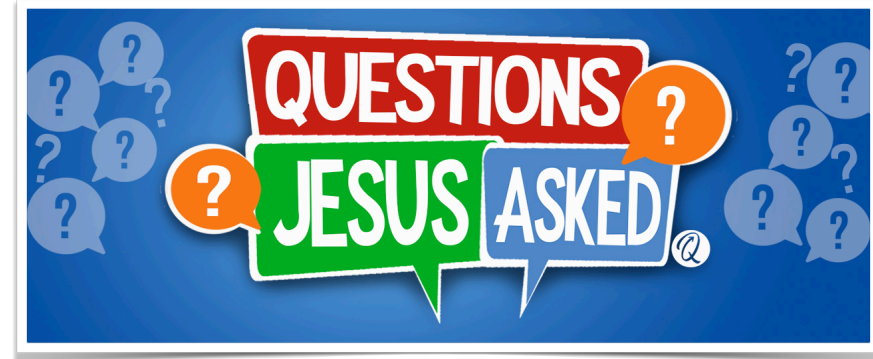
- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- In your own words, how does Easter give us hope in this life and the life to come?
- What are some of the life experiences that tend to limit the life we experience in Christ? (Eg. Hurts, anger, fear, etc.)
- In your own words, why is it important to you that Jesus rose from the dead?
- What does it mean that people look for a Jesus without life, substance and power?
- How does the resurrection give us purpose, power and hope in life?
- Read 2 Corinthians 5:15; How would you describe the "resurrection life"?

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