

MESSAGE NOTES

The Story
Chapter 27, Easter

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The entire Christian faith is based on one single event - the

_____ of Jesus.

The resurrection validated everything He _____ and everything

he _____ to be.

Jesus wants to make all things new _____.

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CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the week of March 31, 2024

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GETTING STARTED_____

1. What does Easter mean to you personally? Do you have a tradition from Easter that you can remember when you were a kid?
2. The true meaning of Easter is celebrating the resurrection of Jesus. When did Jesus become more than just a story to you? Take a moment and share with your group.

DIGGING DEEPER_____

1. People have always had difficulty believing that Jesus was God in the flesh. Read **1 John 1:1, 2:22** and **4:2-3**. What details did John include in the crucifixion story for his readers to know for certain that Jesus, fully human, had truly died?

How does knowing that God came to live among us affect your daily life?

2. List everything you know about Jesus' resurrection. Why is Jesus' literal, physical resurrection a non-negotiable teaching of the Christian faith? (See **Romans 1:4, 4:25** and **1 Corinthians 15:17**.)

Are there things about the first Easter that are challenging for you to grasp?

3. Thomas is frequently referred to as “doubting Thomas” because he refused to believe his fellow disciples’ testimony. Then, a week after the resurrection, he confessed, “My Lord and my God!” Do you think Thomas’ reputation is justified or do you think he has been labeled unjustly? Why or why not?

What are some things that create doubt in your mind as it relates to the life of Jesus? How about in other areas of your life?

4. In **John 18:17-27**, we see the denial of Peter. What parallels can you find between Peter’s denial story and his restoration story?

What does Peter’s restoration reveal about Jesus’ heart and how does it apply to you personally?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION _____

1. Jesus’ Great Commission on the mountain in Galilee we find in **Matthew 28:16-2**. As you read this passage, what was required of His disciples?

What is required of us? Has anything changed as it relates to us going and making disciples?

Discuss what is involved in “making disciples” in the culture we live in. Is there anything they were asked to do that we can’t do?

****Make sure you read through Chapter 28 before you come to church next weekend.***

PRAYER REQUESTS _____