



EASTER SUNDAY

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Sermon Questions for 4.5..2026*

OPENER

Easter often brings powerful stories—lives changed, addictions broken, shame lifted, and hope restored. But beneath all of that is a deeper question: Is it actually true? Are these just inspiring stories of self-improvement, or are they the result of something real—something historical—something supernatural? The Christian faith doesn't rest on ideas or inspiration. It rests on a single event: the resurrection of Jesus. If Jesus truly rose from the dead, then everything changes—not just historically, but personally.

MAIN POINTS

1. The Death of Jesus Was Certain

Jesus' death is one of the most widely agreed-upon facts in ancient history. Roman executioners were experts, and multiple historical sources—both biblical and non-biblical—confirm that Jesus was crucified and died. If Jesus did not truly die, there can be no resurrection. But the evidence is clear: His death was real and final.

2. The Tomb Was Empty

Three days after Jesus' burial, the tomb was found empty. Even Jesus' opponents did not deny this—they attempted to explain it away. If a body had existed, authorities could have easily produced it and stopped the movement of Christianity immediately. But they couldn't. The question is not *whether* the tomb was empty, but what caused it to be empty.

3. The Appearances of Jesus Were Costly

After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to many people—including over 500 at one time. These witnesses didn't just claim to see Him—they built their lives on it. Most of them faced persecution, imprisonment, and death for their testimony. People may die for something they believe is true—but not for something they know is a lie. Their willingness to suffer shows that they were convinced they had truly seen the risen Jesus.

4. Lives Were Radically Transformed

Before the resurrection, Jesus' followers were fearful, hiding, and doubting. After encountering the risen Jesus, they became bold, courageous, and unshakable. Even skeptics and enemies of Christianity—like Paul and James—were transformed into devoted followers. The resurrection didn't just change beliefs—it changed lives, communities, and even the course of history.

ENGAGE WITH GOD IN A GROUP

- When you hear the question, “Did Jesus really rise from the dead?”, what thoughts or reactions come to mind?
- Which of the four evidences (death, empty tomb, appearances, transformed lives) stands out to you most, and why?
- Why do you think the resurrection is so central to the Christian faith?
- The disciples went from fear to boldness after encountering the risen Jesus. What do you think caused such a dramatic shift? Who in your life doubts the resurrection of Jesus? What might boldness in that relationship look like for you?
- The sermon mentioned that even skeptics like Paul and James were transformed. What does that say about the power of encountering Jesus?
- If the resurrection is true, how should that impact the way we view our past, struggles, or identity?
- The message ended with the question: “What will you do with it?” What does a personal response to the resurrection look like for you?

BOTTOM LINE

If Jesus truly rose from the dead, then He is alive—and His resurrection has the power to bring us from death to life today.