

# Examining EASTER

## The Reasons for Jesus' Resurrection Message 2

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### ► Outline

*"... He is risen from the dead, just as He said..."*

**Matthew 28:6 (NLT)**

#### A. Introduction (Matthew 28:1-9)

#### B. Jesus was raised from the dead to...

1. Prove my \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Romans 4:25; 1 Corinthians 15:16-20; 1 Timothy 3:16)

2. Provide \_\_\_\_\_ for new life.  
(Romans 6:4-8; Philippians 3:10-11; Colossians 2:12-13)

3. Promise my \_\_\_\_\_.  
(John 5:26-29; 1 Corinthians 6:14; 15:21-23,42-44,53)

**Answers:** 1. forgiveness 2. power 3. resurrection

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## ► Discussion Guide

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### Conversation Starter

How would you explain Easter to a child?

### Prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Then ask God for insight and direction as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

### Bible Study and Group Discussion

1. *Jesus was raised to life to make us right with God* (Romans 4:25). What does it mean to be made right with God? See also Romans 3:21-26; 8:1-4; 1 John 1:5-10.
2. Why is Jesus' resurrection necessary for forgiveness (1 Corinthians 15:16-20; 44-55)?
3. Describe a time you felt God lifting off you the burden of shame and guilt. How did that experience change you?
4. What does it mean to be *buried with Christ* (Colossians 2:12-13)?
5. What are signs someone is living new life in Christ (Romans 6:1-8)? See also John 11:25-26; Hebrews 13:20-21.
6. How is faith in Jesus transforming you (Romans 12:1-2)—your thoughts, your actions, your habits, your goals, your perspectives?
7. Knowing Christ enables us to experience God's mighty power (Philippians 3:10-11). What does that look like?

8. Have you ever found yourself trying to fix life on your own? What are practical ways you can experience more of God's power? See Romans 15:13; 2 Peter 1:1-3.
9. What does it mean to live a life trusting in Jesus' resurrection (Philippians 3:20-21; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 21:1-5)?
10. What are the dead areas of your life that need resurrection today?
11. What's the Good News for you from this week's lesson?

### Spiritual Practice

*A spiritual practice is something we can do to help us live in and enjoy God's grace. Our hope is that these would become a regular part of your life, so that walking and talking with God is the most natural thing you do.*

Reflect on Psalm 145:1-13. What words and phrases are most significant to you? Spend time meditating on this passage several times this week. Ask God to reveal Himself to you so that you might be overwhelmed with His glory and goodness.

### Memory Verse

*Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and life. Anyone who believes in Me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in Me and believes in Me will never die. . . ."*

**John 11:25-26 (NLT)**

### Daily Reading

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| Day 1: Romans 4:16-25     | Day 4: Romans 5:1-11 |
| Day 2: John 11:1-26       | Day 5: Isaiah 60:1-3 |
| Day 3: Colossians 3:12-17 |                      |

### Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, April 16, we'll begin a new series titled *Love God · Love People*. To prepare, read **Deuteronomy 6:1-9**.

