

DEATH TO LIFE WEEK 1

As followers of Jesus we gather each year and make a big deal about Easter. But why? Why is Easter so important? Jesus shows us that the resurrection didn't just happen, it still happens. We can still experience Jesus raising us to new life emotionally, relationally, and spiritually.

1. What is your favorite Easter memory from your childhood?
2. It is easy to have a misguided picture of Jesus. What misguided pictures of Jesus have influenced you in the past? (Dave mentioned Mr. Rogers Jesus, Felt Board-fake, impersonal-Jesus, Angry Jesus, Chuck Norris Jesus, Tony Robbins Jesus, etc.)
3. Read the following verse. Why is the resurrection such a big deal?

And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless. 1 Corinthians 15:14

4. Read the following verse and statement. How is it easy for us to make ourselves the hero of the story instead of God?

When we display our righteous deeds, they are nothing but filthy rags...
Isaiah 64:6

"When the spotlight is placed on ourselves, we become the hero of the story. When we're the hero of our own story, we don't need God. We focus on everything we're trying to do right, rather than focusing on everything Jesus did through is death, burial, and resurrection. When we're the hero of our own story, we overlook our own brokenness."

5. Easter is the annual affirmation of the ongoing reality that as followers of Jesus... every day we can experience death, burial and resurrection. What area of your life have you experienced death, burial and resurrection? What area of your life right now do you want to experience resurrection?