



I. Family Ice breaker: Questions?

- How did you spend your Spring Break? How did you spend Easter Sunday? What are some of your favorite traditions with your family & loved ones?

II. Read the following scripture passages from today's sermon together:

²⁵ He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken!

²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. - **Luke 24:25-27**

"...I am saying nothing beyond what the prophets and Moses said would happen — ²³ that the Messiah would suffer and, as the first to rise from the dead, would bring the message of light to his own people and to the Gentiles." - **Acts 26:22b-23**

² The gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures ³ regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, ⁴ and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord." - **Romans 1:2-4**

"Death has been swallowed up in victory."

⁵⁵ "Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?"

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." - **1 Corinthians 15:54-57**

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time." - **1 Peter 1:3-5**

III. Questions & Applications for Discussion with your kids:

Jesus came to earth to save us from our sins. (Matthew 1:21) He died to show us God's great love for us (Romans 5:7-8) so that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16). Jesus died so that we would be forgiven. (Ephesian 1:7) Because Jesus conquered death, we rejoice and have the hope that we will be alive with Him in heaven forever (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

A. Why is the suffering of Christ so central to the message of the gospel?

We should consider the sufferings of the Christ because Jesus was **God in the flesh**. Jesus is the ONLY One who could ever take the punishment for our sin because He is both fully God and fully man.



Pastor Kevin said that the Revelation of Jesus can be summarized in two words: **He Won!** Jesus had the credentials as the One who must suffer and die for us in an infinite way. He lived a perfect life, died a sacrificial death, and rose victoriously from the grave. He was at one and the same time, fully God and fully man. Jesus being fully God, his death was of infinite value and could absorb our guilt and shame. His divinity gives us hope! Being fully man, he identified with us – His humanity makes that hope real to us!

We can rejoice in the hope that we have because of Christ's resurrection. He IS Alive! We have the sure hope of heaven someday, and we have help and power from Christ to live our every day lives here on earth.

B. In this earthly life, the enemies of our soul are sin, death, evil, pain and suffering. **Re-Read Romans 1:2-4 and 1 Corinthians 15.**

- How does Jesus as the crucified and resurrected Messiah bring hope to face everyday life?

If Jesus had not risen from the dead, then our faith would be useless. We would still face God's punishment for our sins. The story did not end when Jesus died on the cross; three days later, Jesus Christ rose from the dead! We can be assured that Jesus, our **living Savior**, knows what we face (pain, suffering, disease, death etc.). We as believers we have a sure hope (a living hope) of spending forever in Heaven with Him, where there is no death, no suffering, no pain, and no tears.

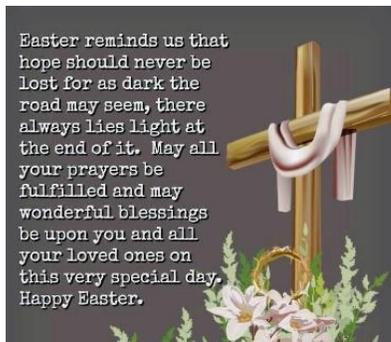
The apostle Peter wrote in 1 Peter 1:³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,⁶ In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.

C. How does the promise of 'everything being made new' from the book of Revelation **21:4-5** encourage your heart considering present suffering and sorrow?

⁴ 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'

⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Revelation 21:4-5

God is the beginning and the end of all things; He is eternal! In the book of Revelation, He promises that one day He will take all things and make them new again. We do not know what Heaven will look like, but we can be sure that God will take away all of our sadness and tears and turn them into joy. It can be difficult to imagine or understand now, but we can take **hope** in the fact that for those who love the Lord, life after death with Him will be wonderful.



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