

**April 21 | Sunday**

He Chose the Nails - Easter

Read [Luke 24:1-12](#)



**22 | Mon – The facts** | Read [1 Corinthians 15:3-10](#)

Yesterday was Easter Sunday. You may have gone to church, had a special family dinner, an Easter egg hunt, so now it's back to normal life, right? Or is it? Jesus' resurrection sent shock waves through time and history that still reverberate today. Those who knew him before and saw him after the resurrection, even marginal followers, became deeply committed believers. Their lives were changed. What about you? How has the resurrection changed your life?

**23 | Tue – Clean slate** | Read [Romans 3:23](#) / [Hebrew 10:14-18](#)

The resurrection fulfills the promise God made thousands of years before the first Easter that He would provide a way to bridge the sin gap separating human beings from His presence. No matter how 'good' a person tries to be, everyone falls short of God's perfect standard. The definition of the original word for sin was 'missing the mark'. Because the resurrection proved Jesus was the sinless Son of God, his sacrifice has the power to wipe out every single sin and failure, if you believe and ask. Have you? If not, will you?

**24 | Wed – Hope and help** | Read [Psalm 34:18](#) / [Isaiah 41:13](#)

Death isn't always physical. Sometimes you experience the death of hope. Too many things have gone wrong, too many disappointments, too many broken dreams. The resurrection is a living illustration of what God can and will do in your life as you surrender to Him. Not only will God give you new dreams but He will help you accomplish surprising things and in ways that bring Him honor. What do you want to see God do in your life?

**25 | Thu – A new reason to live** | Read [Jeremiah 29:11](#)

What is your purpose in life? Many people think their purpose in life is defined by the things they do, their noteworthy accomplishments. In God's view, your purpose is fulfilled by being who you were created to be and in relationship with Him. God absolutely loves you and has great plans for you. But more importantly, God really wants you to be with Him. A cross and the resurrection have opened up the way for that to happen.

**26 | Fri – A better way to live** | Read [Romans 6:11-14](#)

Almost anyone you ask would say they want to be a good person and live a good life. When questioned further, many will admit that they fail, a lot. The resurrection reminds us there is a way to live that surpasses what any human being can do in their own efforts. It happens when you ask Jesus to live *his* life through you. When you learn to think like Jesus and understand his motivations, your own actions will change. You will have the strength to live as Jesus did, through the powerful help of the Holy Spirit. Does this give you hope?

**27 | Sat – A promise for the future** | Read [1 Corinthians 2:9](#) / [1 Peter 1:3-9](#)

Jesus faced and defeated the one thing that causes our greatest fear - death. It is the great unknown. Some, like Lazarus, have died and were brought back to life but it was a temporary reprieve. When Jesus was resurrected, he was still himself but he had a new kind of body, which would never die again. He promised there is life on the other side of death, beyond anything you can even imagine. And God never breaks his promise. Do you believe that?