

A decorative header image featuring the word "Easter" in a white, cursive script font. The text is set against a dark, textured background with a large, glowing yellow diamond shape behind it. The overall aesthetic is warm and spiritual.

Easter

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OVERVIEW

As we focus on the death and resurrection of Jesus, some of us celebrate and reflect, while for others there is doubt and unbelief. Today we will explore together how Jesus was the perfect example of sacrificial love, even in His dying breath. Then, in a moment that forever changed the world, Jesus arose from the grave. For followers of Jesus everywhere, this selfless act secured our eternities with Him. How will you respond to the empty tomb?

Scripture (all NIV): 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Colossians 1:21-22; John 18:31, 19:2-5; Luke 23:3, 14, 34; Matthew 27:23; Mark 15:4

APPLICATION

- How have your typical Easter traditions and celebrations changed this year due to the current circumstances that surround our lives? What alternative ways have you found to celebrate instead?
- The innocent Jesus was beaten and flogged for our transgressions. He willingly took the sins of the world upon His shoulders. What sort of emotions are evoked in you when you read these Scriptures or when you hear Jeremy describe those moments?
- With His last breath, Jesus said, "It is finished." What do those three words mean to you? How have they changed your life?
- Even in the last moments before his death, Jesus prayed on behalf of his enemies. He pleaded, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do!" He gave assurance and peace to the criminal on the cross who asked for His help, and He gave comfort to His mother. As followers of Jesus, how can we push our own circumstances aside like Jesus did and care for others around us?
- **HOMEWORK:** Today we want to celebrate with a feast, with joy and with deep gratitude for the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross! During this coming week, make it a point to share your gratitude and love for Jesus with others!

