

# Reflections on Easter

Bible passages: Luke 24: 1-8; Mark 8: 31; Romans 6: 6-11

## **When you think about Easter, what do you think about?**

Chocolate? Family gatherings?

As Christians we understand what really happened, and why we celebrate Easter.

When Jesus was murdered and nailed to a cross, they buried him in a tomb, basically a cave, and rolled a huge heavy stone in front of the tomb.

Then three days later something unbelievable happened. The tomb was empty.

Luke 24: 1-8 it says this...

1 But very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. 2 They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. 3 So they went in, but they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 As they stood there puzzled, two men suddenly appeared to them, clothed in dazzling robes. 5 The women were terrified and bowed with their faces to the ground. Then the men asked, "Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? 6 He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Remember what he told you back in Galilee, 7 that the Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and that he would rise again on the third day." 8 Then they remembered that he had said this.

Let's look earlier during Jesus' ministry when he said had to go through this to his disciples.

Mark 8: 31 (NLT)

31 Then Jesus began to tell them that the Son of Man must suffer many terrible things and be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but three days later he would rise from the dead.

This is proof that Jesus is who he says he is.

## **Jesus has power over death**

Because Jesus died and rose again, because Jesus is who he says he is, Jesus has power of sin's greatest weapon...death.

Jesus is the one who says I can give you life, I can make it so that you will never really die...that even after life on earth is done with, you will live with me forever....because that is how much I love you!!

The empty tomb shows us that Jesus has power over death. He took death's sting....and overcame it!

Romans 6: 9 (NLT)

9 We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him.

Jesus is no longer in the tomb, and he never will be! Jesus is God and is alive forever! His body wasn't stolen, it wasn't in the wrong tomb, it wasn't some magic trick....

**The empty tomb means:**

- Jesus is who he says he is
- Jesus has power over death
- Jesus is permanently alive and death will never overcome him again. When we decide to follow him instead of following our own selfish desires, we too can begin to really live!

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