

In preparation for April 5, 2026, Easter Sunday

Theme -Rise with Him into hope, joy and new beginnings!

“Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.”

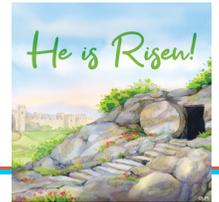
(Verse 8) John 20:1-9



Adults

1. Jesus is Risen, Alleluia!! It is easy for us to see that Jesus had been resurrected from the dead because we know how the story ends, but what about the disciples who first discovered the empty tomb? What type of emotions do you think you would have felt as they discovered the empty tomb?
2. As Christians we give witness through our Baptism. We rise from the dead through the waters of Baptism. We participate in Christ's death in order to also participate in Christ's resurrection. What does that mean to you?
3. As disciples, we are commissioned to share the gospel of Jesus both in word and action. How can you take the joy of Easter with you today into your home, community, and relationships?

Obstacles for living out the Gospel: Forgetting the Great Commission.



Teens

1. How do you think the disciples felt when they heard the tomb was empty but didn't fully understand what happened? Have you ever seen something that didn't make sense at first, but later made you believe? How do you think fear, confusion, or hope can all exist together when encountering something miraculous?
2. The disciples didn't yet understand the Scripture about Jesus rising from the dead. Why do you think it's sometimes hard for us to recognize God's work, even when it's happening right in front of us?
3. What is something in your life that feels "empty" or hopeless—and how might Jesus bring new life to it? How do you think belief in the Resurrection changes the way a Christian should view life and death?

Obstacles to living out the Gospel: Like the disciples who didn't fully understand Scripture at first, we sometimes struggle to believe in God's promises when life feels confusing, unfair, or full of suffering.

Children

1. Share a time when you or someone you know had an experience when you expected the worst only to be surprised or amazed at an unexpected turn of events? How did that make you feel? Did you take time to thank Jesus? Why or why not?
2. When you hear news that seems too good to be true, how do you first react? Do you believe it and thank God for it or do you look for reasons why it can't be true? Why do you think most people tend to be skeptical?
3. Did you know that the Easter Season lasts for 50 days? Why do you think this season is longer than Lent?

Obstacles to living out the Gospel: : Not understanding the significance of the Resurrection and what that means for us as children of God.

