

# DEATH DIED WHEN CHRIST ROSE

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JOHN 21

## MAIN TAKEAWAY

Easter is all about Jesus, who rose again from the dead. When Jesus died on the cross, He conquered sin. When Jesus rose, He defeated death—Easter is the death of death.

## INTRODUCTION

As your group time begins, use this section to introduce the topic of discussion.

**How does the yearly rhythm of celebrating the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday help you stay focused on what matters most? How can you have this focus every Sunday as the church gathers to worship our risen Lord?**

**Pastor Greg said, “When Jesus died and rose, He rendered death powerless.” Like the disciples after Jesus’ death, how does the power of the resurrection help you fight against discouragement and disappointment? How does the resurrection assure you that God keeps His Word?**

## UNDERSTANDING

Unpack the biblical text to discover what the Scripture says or means about a particular topic.

### HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ JOHN 21:1-14

**In this message, we learned five takeaway truths from the resurrection of Jesus that apply to our lives. Because of Jesus’ resurrection . . .**

***We will one day receive new bodies (1 Corinthians 15:20-23). In what way is Jesus’ resurrection a preview of things to come for us? How does the resurrection of Jesus impact your own resurrection?***

***Our new glorified bodies will be much like His (1 John 3:2). What are the descriptions of Jesus' resurrected body, and how does this inform what our glorified bodies will be like? Knowing we will be like Christ in future glory, how does this encourage you to live like Jesus now?***

***Our bodies will no longer age, get sick, or break down. In what way do physical limitations and difficulties cause you to look forward to when God makes all things new (Revelation 21:4-5)? How does this provide purpose in pain and hope in despair?***

***We will have resurrected relationships. What do Jesus' post-resurrection conversations with His disciples reveal about the nature of our relationships, both from the past and as a foretaste of the future? How does the promise of a future heavenly reunion with Christian family and friends give you encouragement and hope in the present moment (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)?***

***There will be a final judgment (Acts 17:31). How does the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus provide assurance of salvation to Christians? How does this reveal that Christians are not saved by good works? How have you learned to share the simplicity of this gospel message with others?***

## **APPLICATION**

Help your group identify how the truths from the Scripture passage apply directly to their lives.

**Read John 11:25-26. Pastor Greg said, "Only those who are prepared for death are really ready to live." How does Jesus—who is the resurrection and the life—change everything about life and death? How have you personally experienced the power of Jesus' resurrection?**

**From the five takeaway truths in this message, which one is especially helpful in your life right now? How can you continue to apply this and intentionally think about the implications of Jesus' death and resurrection?**

## **PRAYER**

Give thanks that Jesus is risen! Praise God that He conquered sin and defeated death. Pray for a renewed focus to live for the risen Christ and to have an eternal perspective.