

W.D.J.D. (What Did Jesus Do?)

Jesus Rose

Summary: Jesus' body laid dead in a tomb. Hope was lost. Joy was gone. So, what did Jesus do? He rose to rescue us from hopeless and despair. He rose to redeem us for an abundant life with God!

- Matthew 28:1 - *After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.*

Jesus' death was a **defining** moment!

- Matthew 28:2-7 - *2 There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. 4 The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. 5 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He is not here; **he has risen**, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples: '**He has risen from the dead** and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."*

Jesus' resurrection is a **life-changing** event!

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- 1 Corinthians 15:56,57 - *The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

1) He rose to **rescue** us!

- Job 19:25,27 - *I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth...I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!*

2) He rose to **redeem** us!

- 1 Thessalonians 4:17,18 - *After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.*

3) He rose to **reunite** us!

Points To Ponder

1. Consider Romans 4:25 - "He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification." What Jesus did on Good Friday was essential and a defining moment for you - how so? What Jesus did on Easter Sunday was essential and a life changing moment for you - how so? (Justify means - to be declared not guilty, or has been put this way "it is just as if I had no sin")

2. Jesus rose to rescue, redeem and reunite us and all believers. How does knowing what Jesus did both help us when we lose loved ones and when we one day will face death?
3. Summarize your 1 big take away from this Lent/Holy week series called WDJJ. Think of how you might take that truth and make it a regular part of your prayer and devotional life. Share it with your life group and your spouse/family.

Homework: Luke 24:13-35