

Declaration

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INTRODUCTION	NOTES
As we celebrate Easter Sunday, we need to understand that the resurrection of Jesus Christ was a wake-up call for believers. It was a declaration about the most impactful event in all of history. I pray that you will see what God wants you to see and understand how powerful the resurrection is. It's not just an event; it is the event for all time and eternity! So with that in mind, I want to share several key things that we need to embrace and embody when it comes to the resurrection of Jesus.	
KEY POINTS	
1. The Resurrection Is the Most Important Event in the History of the World This was not just a pivotal event in the history of the church; it was an impactful event in the history of the entire world! Therefore, this is an event we should be continuing to talk about to this day. 1 Peter 3:15 encourages us to do just that, saying, But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.	
As His children, we have access to the same resurrection power that raised Jesus from the dead. Therefore, we should utilize that power as we tell others about the resurrection, sharing with them the salvation they so desperately need. In order to be confident in sharing that news, we must understand how impactful the resurrection was in the grand scheme of history.	
2. The Resurrection Declares Three of the Most Important Statements Anyone Could Ever Hear If you look at the post-resurrection appearances, three great phrases emerge from Jesus. First, He says, "I am alive." He is saying what many people struggled to believe even when He was standing before their eyes. He is stating very plainly that He conquered death and is alive again.	
He also says, "I want to be with you." God is not one to practice social distancing. He wants to be with His children and He wants to have fellowship with you. He wants to hear your voice as you pray to Him and seek Him. Don't shy away from Him when you are feeling anxious, uncertain, or alone. Instead, draw near to Him. As Jesus reminds us, He wants to be with us.	

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Additionally, Jesus says, "You have a mission to fulfill." That is what Easter is all about. God's grand plan for salvation and redemption didn't stop after Jesus was resurrected. In fact, the resurrection was the catalyst that gave each of Jesus' followers the power, the confidence, and the hope to share the Gospel with those who had yet to hear it. Remember, God has a plan for your life; and He wants nothing more than for you to be a part of His Kingdom plan in furthering the Gospel message.	NOTES
3. The Resurrection Invites the Greatest Question Ever Asked: Who Do You Say I Am? we must understand that the resurrection invites the greatest question ever asked: Who do you say I am? During Jesus' time on earth, He asked His disciples this question, and Simon Peter got the answer right. He said, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God." We must have the same view of Jesus if we want to embrace the resurrection for what it is.  Regardless of where you are, God is looking at you, and He is looking at me; and He is asking this question, "What about you? Who do you say I am?"  I pray that you will take the time today to answer that question. In doing so, ask the Lord to grant you wisdom as you strive to understand the impact of the resurrection and to share that impact with those around you.	

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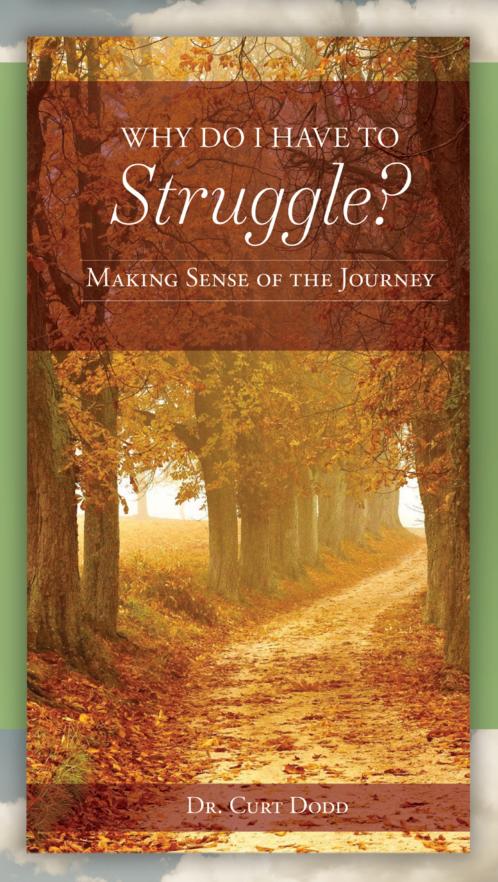
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#### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

- 1. When was the last time you shared the story of the resurrection with someone? Is there someone who comes to mind right now who you could share the story with this Easter season?
- 2. Which of the three resurrection statements from Jesus did you need to be reminded of today?

3. If Jesus were to ask you, "Who do you say I am?" how would you ansv Him?	ver

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