

Bible Study Guide: After Easter – Living the Resurrection Daily

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Big Idea

Easter is not just a moment to celebrate—it is a life-changing reality that restores our identity, renews our purpose, and calls us to live transformed lives every day.

Theme

The resurrection of Jesus moves us from shame and fear into identity, purpose, and mission—inviting us to walk closely with Christ and live out His love in the world.

Core Scriptures

John 20:19–23

Jesus appears to the disciples and says, “Peace be with you.”

John 21:15–17

Jesus restores Peter: “Do you love me? Feed my sheep.”

Introduction: What Happens After Easter?

Easter proves:

- God’s love is real
- Life has purpose
- Jesus is alive

Key Insight:

“Easter is not something far away—it is something personal and lived daily.”

The Problem

Many people:

- Celebrate Easter
- Then return unchanged

The Truth

A real encounter with Jesus:

- Changes how we live
 - Changes who we are
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Main Point 1: Easter Makes Faith Personal

Explanation

Easter reveals:

- Jesus is not distant
- He is personal

He:

- Calls Mary by name
- Walks with the disciples
- Restores relationships

“We have a personal Savior.”

Spiritual Truth

Faith is:

- Relational, not abstract
- Personal, not distant

Application

- Do I see Jesus as personal in my life?
- How do I experience Him daily?

Sticky Quote:

“Jesus is not far away—He walks with you.”

Main Point 2: The Disciples Reveal Our Struggles

Explanation

After the resurrection:

- The disciples are hiding
- They are filled with fear
- They carry shame and guilt

“They were locked in a place of betrayal, denial, and shame.”

Spiritual Truth

We often:

- Hide in fear
- Carry guilt
- Feel unworthy

Application

- Where am I hiding emotionally or spiritually?
- What shame am I carrying?

Sticky Quote:

“Fear and shame will lock you in—but Jesus comes in anyway.”

Main Point 3: Jesus Brings Peace Into Chaos

Explanation

Jesus enters the room and says:

“Peace be with you.”

Spiritual Insight

The room was:

- Full of tension
- Full of fear
- Full of conflict

Yet Jesus brings:

- Peace
- Calm
- Restoration

“There was no peace in that room—until Jesus spoke.”

Application

- Where do I need peace in my life?
- Am I allowing Jesus to speak into my situation?

Sticky Quote:

“Jesus brings peace where there is none.”

Main Point 4: Jesus Does Not Leave Us in Our Brokenness

Explanation

Jesus:

- Does not abandon the disciples
- Does not reject them

Instead:

- He comes back to them

“He will not leave you in your pain.”

Spiritual Truth

Jesus:

- Pursues
- Restores
- Redeems

Application

- Do I believe Jesus is pursuing me?
- Where do I need restoration?

Sticky Quote:

“Jesus comes back for you—even when you fail.”

Main Point 5: Easter Restores Identity

Explanation

Peter:

- Denied Jesus
- Lost his identity

Jesus restores him by asking:

“Do you love me?”

Spiritual Truth

Your identity is:

- Not your failure
- Not your past

It is:

- Defined by Christ

“Easter restores your identity.”

Application

- Am I living from my past or my identity in Christ?
- How does Jesus define me?

Sticky Quote:

“Your failure does not define you—Jesus does.”

Main Point 6: Easter Gives You Purpose

Explanation

After restoring Peter, Jesus says:

“Feed my sheep.”

Spiritual Truth

Easter is not just forgiveness:

- It is commissioning

You are called to:

- Serve
- Lead
- Love

“You are given purpose again.”

Application

- What is God calling me to do?
- How can I serve others?

Sticky Quote:

“Easter doesn’t just save you—it sends you.”

Main Point 7: Grace Changes How We See Others

Explanation

Jesus does not:

- Judge Peter
- Condemn the disciples

Instead, He:

- Shows grace

Spiritual Truth

Grace:

- Restores
- Heals
- Unites

“Grace is what wins.”

Application

- Do I extend grace to others?
- How can I reflect Jesus’ compassion?

Sticky Quote:

“Grace transforms relationships.”

Main Point 8: God Uses Imperfect People

Explanation

Peter:

- Failed
- Struggled
- Made mistakes

Yet:

- God still used him

Spiritual Truth

You don't need to be:

- Perfect
- Flawless

To be used by God

“If perfection were required, no one would be used.”

Application

- What is holding me back from serving?
- Am I waiting to be “perfect”?

Sticky Quote:

“God uses broken people to do powerful things.”

Main Point 9: Easter Unlocks New Direction

Explanation

Easter:

- Opens doors
- Restores opportunities
- Creates new paths

“Easter unlocks doors that were shut.”

Spiritual Truth

God can:

- Redeem your past
- Redirect your future

Application

- What door might God be opening for me?
- Am I willing to step through it?

Sticky Quote:

“God can reopen what life has closed.”

Main Point 10: We Are Called to Live and Share the Resurrection

Explanation

Easter calls us to:

- Go
- Share
- Live boldly

“Go proclaim the risen Lord.”

Spiritual Truth

Faith is:

- Meant to be lived
- Meant to be shared

Application

- Who can I share my faith with?
- How can I live more boldly?

Sticky Quote:

“You are called to live and share the resurrection.”

Discussion Questions

1. How has Easter changed your understanding of Jesus?
2. Where do you struggle with fear or shame?

3. How has Jesus restored your identity?
 4. What purpose is God calling you into?
 5. Who needs to experience grace through you?
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Practical Application Steps

1. Embrace Your Identity

- Stop living in past mistakes

2. Step Into Purpose

- Serve in a meaningful way

3. Extend Grace

- Forgive and love others

4. Walk Daily with Jesus

- Build a personal relationship

5. Share Your Faith

- Tell others about the resurrection
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Closing Prayer

Father,
Thank You for the power of Easter
and the new life it brings.

Restore our identity,
renew our purpose,
and give us the courage to live for You.

Help us to walk in grace,
to love others,
and to share the good news boldly.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Final Takeaway

Easter is not just something that happened—it is something that is still happening, restoring your identity, giving you purpose, and calling you to live boldly for Christ.