

# WHAT JESUS GOT YOU FOR EASTER

## Easter Sunday

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### The Days of His Death

1. **THURSDAY** was a day of **SADNESS**.

*“The **traitor**, Judas, had given them a prearranged signal: “You will know which one to arrest when I greet him with a kiss.” So Judas came straight to Jesus. “Greetings, Rabbi!” he exclaimed and gave him the kiss. Jesus said, “My friend, go ahead and do what you have come for.” Then the others grabbed Jesus and arrested him...At that point, **all the disciples deserted him** and fled.” (Matthew 26:48–50, NLT)*

2. **FRIDAY** was a day of **SUFFERING**.

*“Some of the governor’s soldiers took Jesus into their headquarters and called out the entire regiment. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him. They wove thorn branches into a crown and put it on his head, and they placed a reed stick in his right hand as a scepter. Then they knelt before him in mockery and taunted, “Hail! King of the Jews!” And they spit on him and grabbed the stick and struck him on the head with it. When they were finally tired of mocking him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him again. Then they led him away to be crucified.” (Matthew 27:27–31, NLT)*

3. **SATURDAY** was a day of **SILENCE**.

*“The officer confirmed that Jesus was dead, so Pilate told Joseph he could have the body. Joseph bought a long sheet of linen cloth. Then he took Jesus’ body down from the cross, wrapped it in the cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been carved out of the rock. Then he rolled a stone in front of the entrance.” (Mark 15:45–46, NLT)*

4. **SUNDAY** was a day of **CELEBRATION!**

*“Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb. Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint. Then the angel spoke to the women. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. **He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead**, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead...”” (Matthew 28:1–7, NLT)*

### WHAT I CAN GET FROM AN EMPTY TOMB

### 1. I GET A NEW CLARITY ABOUT LIFE.

*“Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we’ve been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, including a future in heaven—and the future starts now!” (1 Peter 1:3–4, The Message)*

*“Christ gives meaning to your life...” (Colossians 3:4a, CEV)*

### 2. I GET A NEW CONFIDENCE ABOUT MY FUTURE.

*“Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God’s glory.” (Romans 5:2, NLT)*

*“Christ gives me the strength to face anything.” (Philippians 4:13, CEV)*

### 3. I GET A NEW CONNECTION TO GOD.

*“This certain hope of being saved is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls, connecting us with God...” (Hebrews 6:19, The Living Bible)*

*“Everybody comes alive in Christ.” (1 Corinthians 15:22b, MSG)*

*“In this new life one’s nationality or race or education or social position is unimportant; such things mean nothing. Whether a person has Christ is what matters, and he is equally available to all.” (Colossians 3:11, The Living Bible)*

*“...A clean slate and a fresh start comes from God by way of Jesus Christ.” (1 Corinthians 1:30, MSG)*

*Dear God, I want a fresh start today. I need your clarity and confidence that comes from a new connection to you. Thank you for loving me and sending your Son, Jesus, to die so I could be forgiven. Thank you that Jesus rose from the grave to give me life and hope! Jesus, as best I know how, I want to get to know you, and learn to love and trust you. TODAY, I surrender my life to you and commit to follow You from this day forward. In Jesus’ name, Amen.*

*“Don’t you know that all who share in Christ Jesus by being baptized also share in his death? When we were baptized, we died and were buried with Christ. We were baptized, so that we would live a new life, as Christ was raised to life by the glory of God the Father. If we shared in Jesus’ death by being baptized, we will be raised to life with him.” (Romans 6:3–5, CEV)*

**ACTION STEP**  
**GET BAPTIZED!**

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