



Easter Sunday is supposed to be a time of joy and celebration (cue the candy, pastel eggs, and sunshine). But before Easter Sunday could happen, Good Friday had to happen first. Before the joy, hope, and light of Jesus' resurrection could be experienced, Jesus and his followers first had to experience some deeply frightening, painful, hopeless, and dark moments. Maybe you've had moments like that before too. This Easter, whether you feel like you're living in the darkness of Good Friday or the light of Easter Sunday, there's something new Jesus wants to help you discover about his death and resurrection. In this two-week series from the Gospels, we'll discover Easter isn't just something that happened 2,000 years ago — it's something that's still happening today. We'll discover **Jesus is with us in the darkness**, and **Jesus is the light in the darkness**.

THIS WEEK

BIG IDEA

Jesus is the light in the darkness.

John 20:1–18; John 1:1–5; John 8:12

BIBLE

- Do you have Easter traditions that you love? Which traditions could you do without?
- How would you describe what Easter is to someone else?
- What do you already know about Easter before today?
- On a scale of one to five (five being very important), how important is Easter? Why?
- What surprised you in the story of Jesus's resurrection?
- If you were in Mary's position, what things would be going through your mind when you saw Jesus had risen from the grave?
- What do you think about the idea that Jesus is a light in the darkness? What questions do you have about it?
- What would it look like for you to trust Jesus is lighting the way in your life?
- Read John 8:12. What hinders you from walking with Jesus? How can we support you in walking with him this week?
- What is one change you can make to remind yourself that Jesus is the light in the darkness?