

Easter Message

Three Days

TALK IT OVER

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.

With your Bible, read John 19:28-20:20. This passage of Scripture concluded with a double reference to completion. Jesus has finished the work that the Father had commissioned him to fulfill. He can now surrender his spirit or the breath of God back to the Father. The death of Jesus is presented as a victory. Jesus has fully achieved his purpose in this the most desolate and macabre setting.

- What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
- Why was it necessary for Jesus to die in this horrific and degrading manner?
- Have you ever thought about what it must have been like to be one of the eye witnesses to Jesus' death?
- Have you ever thought about what it must have felt like to during the three days between the crucifixion and resurrection?
- Why is Jesus' literal resurrection crucial to Christian faith? What evidence do we have that it actually happened?

Read Matthew 27:55, 56, 61 & Mark 15:46, 47. The disciples were in hopeless darkness during the days between the cross and the empty tomb, but when Resurrection Sunday dawned, they found new courage and hope based on Jesus' victory.

- When we are tempted to despair in pain or disappointment or dark seasons of our lives, how can we have hope in God's faithfulness and the power of Christ's resurrected life within us?
- How can the resurrection help you through life's dark moments?
- How does knowing Jesus will return one day affect the way you live day to day?

NEXT STEPS

Here are some specific things you can do this week to help you better understand why we endure difficult times and how you can build your trust in God.

Go deeper into the Bible during this series. Go to our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/movementchurch) and read through the daily posts that explore the ideas from this message in other parts of the Bible. Leave a comment to share what God showed you in the passage.

Use these prayer tips to talk it over with God and to expand your conversations both in person and online:

- In prayer, confess those areas of your life where you had the right facts, but jumped to the wrong conclusion. Ask Him for His forgiveness.
- Commit to God in prayer that you will strive to grow your trust in Him, especially during dark times.
- Thank God for all the times He has shown His love to you during difficult and dark circumstances. **Praise Him!**
- Pray and ask God to show you "who" instead of "what" when it comes to understanding things in your life.
- Pray for someone you know who's dealing with a tragedy or going hard times. Ask God to comfort them.

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