

**April 12th, 2026**  
**Easter Forever - Week 1**

For the last six weeks, we sought a VERDICT to the claims of the Gospel...

- 1.) The Case for Christ
- 2.) We examined Him being the Savior
- 3.) Studied his Sovereignty
- 4.) We made the Case for the Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:17 NIV

5.) Last week it was the Case for Easter

Easter is not about a CRIME that includes a Cross and a Tomb, it's about a CLAIM – a claim so spectacular and so crucial, that it is either the cornerstone of Christianity, or its Fatal Flaw.

Question: What would be the full IMPACT of the Resurrection?

John 20:3-10 NIV

What is the emphasis of Easter... AFTER EASTER!?

I. It Challenges- 20:11

The disciples left, but Mary stayed at the Tomb, and soon two Angels appeared, as well as the Risen Christ!

Question: How many ever left too soon?

Exodus 33:7-11 NIV

John 15:4 NIV

Luke 24:10-12 NIV

II. It Confounds

Luke 24:17-21 NIV

Luke 24:28-32 NIV

III. It Compels

John 20:21-22 NIV

The disciples struggled to believe in light of the overwhelming evidence that Jesus was alive! They were scared up until the very minute He walked into the room, but He knew what THEY needed, and it's what you and I still need today: an ENCOUNTER with the Holy Spirit!

There's two things the Apostles did to Ignite the early church, and it's still the most effective method for every believer TODAY!

- They experienced the Baptism in the Holy Spirit
- They Water Baptized those coming to Faith

He's not only a God desiring to Walk beside you, He's a God desiring to Live within you!

IV. It Completes

*John 11:25 NIV*

*John 11:39-40 NIV*

That's Good News for you today! Easter is still ALIVE today!!