



ENTER God's presence

Psalm 98:1-6

- ¹Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things;
his right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.
- ²The Lord has made his salvation known
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.
- ³He has remembered his love
and his faithfulness to Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
- ⁴Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music;
- ⁵make music to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of singing,
- ⁶with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—
shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

Pray: Gracious and victorious God, we praise you for the marvellous things you have done—for your faithfulness, your salvation, and the joy you have made known to the world. As we gather now, quiet our hearts and lift our eyes to you. Help us not only to sing of your victory, but to trust that the risen Jesus is present with us even now, still bringing life, still making all things new, as we gather around your Word. Give us ears to hear, hearts to receive, and lives ready to respond to all that you have done for us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



SHARE life together

1. **What are your highs and lows since you last met?**
2. **What are some Easter traditions that your family have adopted? Why do you do them?**
3. **When you think about Easter, what part of the story stands out most for You? Why?**

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Worship series:
Jesus Is...
#4 Jesus Is More Than Life Forever



VERSE for the week

“Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him’ – Now I have told you.”

Matthew 28:7



REMEMBER this week

He is risen – and he is already ahead of you. Go with him and don't look back.

For many of us, remembering is something we do in our minds—a way of looking back at something that has already happened. But in the story of God’s people, remembering is much more than that. When Israel remembered the Passover, they didn’t just think about what God had done long ago—they stepped into it again. They told the story, shared the meal, and experienced the reality of God’s rescue and promises as something present and active among them. In the same way, Easter is not just about recalling the death and resurrection of Jesus as past events. It is about entering into that reality here and now—living as people for whom sin and death no longer have the final word. As we explore this together, we’re invited not just to understand the resurrection, but to participate in it—to see how the risen Jesus is at work in us and through us today.

Read **Mathew 28:1-16** [HERE](#) or in your own Bible.

4. **Try to summarise the main idea of these passages.**
5. **The story of the resurrection is familiar to most of us. What stands out to you as you read Matthew’s account in this moment? What details catch your attention?**
6. **What do you notice about the words of the angel to the women? What instructions are they**
7. **Imagine placing yourself in the story. Which person or group of people do you most relate to – and why?**



As we’ve reflected on the different responses in this passage—and even placed ourselves within the story—it becomes clear that the resurrection is not simply something to observe from a distance. The women didn’t just remember what Jesus had said; they encountered the risen Jesus and were drawn into his ongoing work. In the same way, when we remember the resurrection, we are not just recalling an event from the past—we are stepping into a living reality. The risen Jesus is present, calling, sending, and shaping his people today. So as we go deeper, we want to explore what it means for us not just to believe this story, but to live in it—to recognise how the resurrection is still at work in us and through us right now.

8. **In the Bible, remembering is more than recalling – it is participating. What might it look like for you to live each day as someone who shares and participates in the reality of Jesus’ resurrection, not just the memory of it?**
9. **As you read this passage, what does it reveal about who Jesus is? Go through the text carefully and notice all the “Jesus is...” or “He is...” statements about Jesus. How many do you see and what do they tell you?**
10. **The resurrection shows that Jesus is more than just “life forever”. From this reading, how would you complete the statement: “Jesus is...” in a way that goes deeper than that?**



MAKE IT REAL:

As we’ve seen, the resurrection is not just something to believe or remember—it reveals who Jesus truly is. He is not only the one who gives life forever, but the risen Lord who has all authority, who is present with his people, and who continues his work in the world. And when we remember this story, we are not standing at a distance—we are drawn into it. We are people who now live in the reality of his resurrection, where death no longer has the final word. The question is no longer simply, “What happened to Jesus?” but “What does it mean that he is alive—and that we are living in his risen life today?”

11. If death, sin, and fear no longer have the final word because of Jesus' resurrection, what areas of your life do you still find shaped by those things? What might it look like to live differently in light of the resurrection there?
12. What is one simple, everyday way you can live this week as someone who shares in the reality of Jesus' resurrection, not just the memory of it?
13. Who in your life might need to encounter the hope of the risen Jesus? What could it look like for you to be the one through whom they encounter that hope this week?

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You might like to pray together the following prayer, or spend time sharing together your prayer needs and praying for one another.

Risen Lord Jesus,

we thank you that you are not just a story from the past, but alive and present with us now. Thank you for your victory over sin and death, and for the new life you have given us to share in. Help us to live each day in that reality—not shaped by fear or failure, but by your grace, your power, and your presence.

By your Spirit, lead us through this Holy Week with open hearts and attentive lives. As we reflect on the cross, the empty tomb, and all that Jesus has done, help us not only to remember these moments, but to enter into them—to walk with you, to receive your grace, and to be shaped by your love. Open our eyes to where you are at work, and give us courage to follow where you lead. May our lives join in the song of praise, declaring the marvellous things you have done. In your name we pray, Amen.



You might like to address one person in your group and make the sign of the cross on their forehead or on the palm of their hand as you say...

[Name], May the risen Jesus Christ be the source of your life everyday. Amen.