*12 Now **if** Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But **if** there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. 14 And **if** Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. 15 We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise **if** it is true that the dead are not raised.*

1 Corinthians 15:12-19

*16 For **if** the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. 17 And **if** Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 **If** in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.*

1 Corinthians 15:12-19

WHY EASTER MATTERS?

EASTER IS NOT

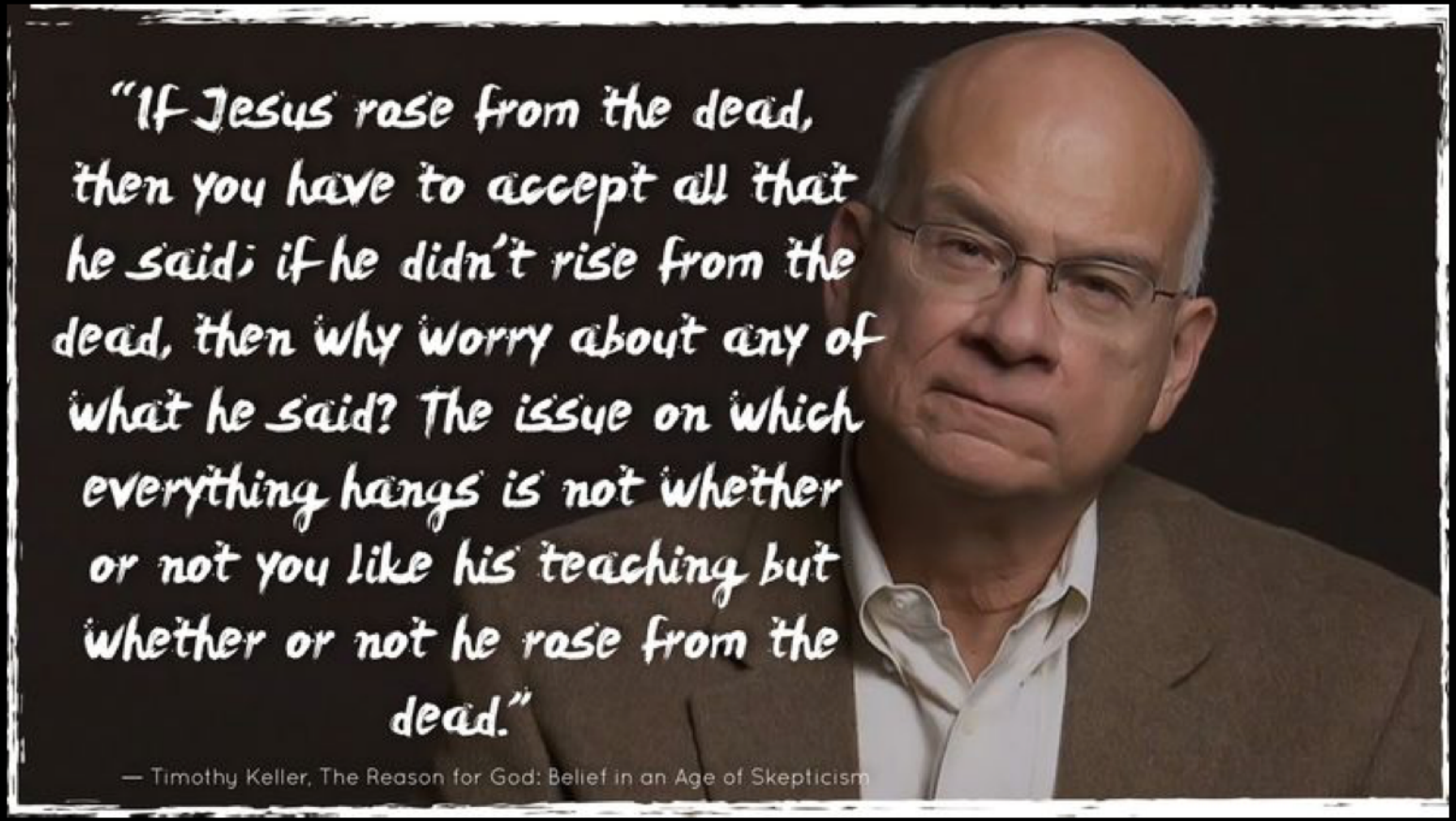
- Just a date on your calendar
- A kind of tradition/rabbit/eggs
- A long weekend/holidays

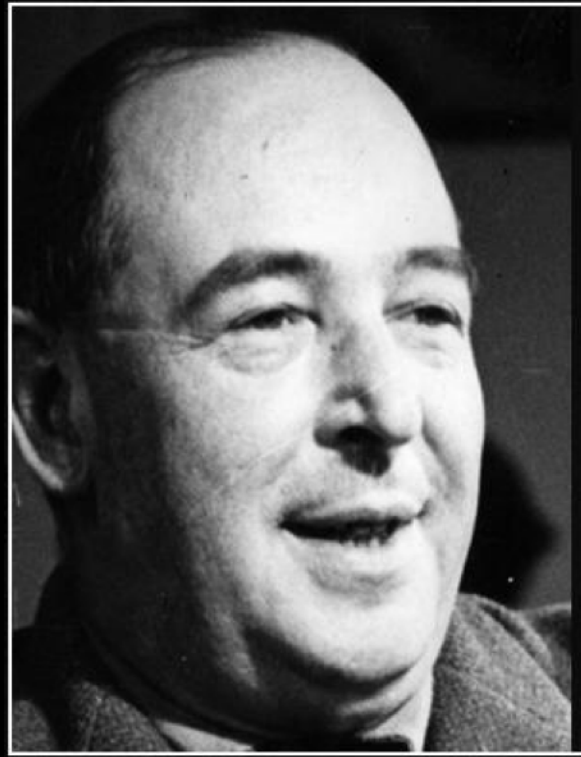
BUT **EASTER IS** THE **CENTRE** OF THE **CHRISTIAN FAITH** + OF THE **HUMAN HISTORY**

CHRISTMAS
- tells us **God came near.**

GOOD FRIDAY
- tells us **Jesus died.**

EASTER
- tells us **Jesus has risen.**


"If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that he said; if he didn't rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what he said? The issue on which everything hangs is not whether or not you like his teaching but whether or not he rose from the dead."
— Timothy Keller, The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism



Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important.

— C. S. Lewis —

AZ QUOTES

“If Jesus did not rise, then nothing matters. If He did rise, then nothing else ultimately matters.”

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

"If Jesus did not rise, then nothing matters…"

=**If** the resurrection **is not real**, then:

- **Jesus** is just another dead religious teacher;
- **Sin** is not truly dealt with;
- **Death** still wins and there is no eternal hope.

Apostle Paul : 1Cor 15:
IF Jesus has not been raised :

- Our **preaching,** our **faith** is useless;
- And we are **still** in our sins

"If Jesus did rise, then nothing else ultimately matters."

=**If** Jesus **truly rose** from the dead, then:

- He **is** who He claimed to be—the Son of God;
- His **authority** is absolute;
- His **words** are final;
- **Eternity** is real.

We Believe

The Foundations of our Faith

EVERY NATION
CHURCH • PENANG

MISSION/
RELATIONSHIP/
THEOLOGY/

MISSION/ *brings us together*

RELATIONSHIP/ *keeps us together*

THEOLOGY/ *grounds+strengthens us together*

The Doctrine Of Jesus

The Foundations of our Faith

The Doctrine Of Scripture

The Foundations of our Faith

The Doctrine Of Creation & Fall

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The Doctrine Of Salvation

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WHO IS JESUS?

STATEMENT OF FAITH

*We **believe** in Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, incarnated for our redemption, born of the virgin Mary, fully God and fully man, one person in two natures.*
As our substitute, he lived a sinless life and willingly gave himself as a propitiatory and reconciling sacrifice for our sins on the cross. He died, was buried, rose bodily on the third day, ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father as the only mediator between God and humanity. One day he will return again to judge the living and the dead.

#1 JESUS IS GOD WHO CAME NEAR

*We **believe** in Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, incarnated for our redemption, born of the virgin Mary, fully God and fully man, one person in two natures.*

It is God who came close to you.



God came near



John 1:1 "*…The Word was God,*" and i**n v14**, "*The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.*"

#2 JESUS TOOK MY PLACE

Jesus is the sinless substitute.

*We **believe** in Jesus Christ : As our **substitute**, he lived a sinless life and willingly gave himself as a **propitiatory** and **reconciling** sacrifice for our sins on the cross.*



PROPITIATION :

- Jesus **took** the judgment (wrath) for our sin so that we can be forgiven.

RECONCILIATION :

- We were **separated** from God. We were **enemies** of God; We were **far** from Him. **But** through Jesus, we are **brought back** into relationship

PROPITIATION :

- Deals with God's **justice**
- **Wrath** is satisfied
- Legal problem solved
- God is now favourable towards us

RECONCILIATION :

- Deals with our **relationship**
- **Relationship** is restored
- Relational problem solved
- We are now brought near to God

“Jesus took our place : our pain, suffering, punishment of sin we deserved.”

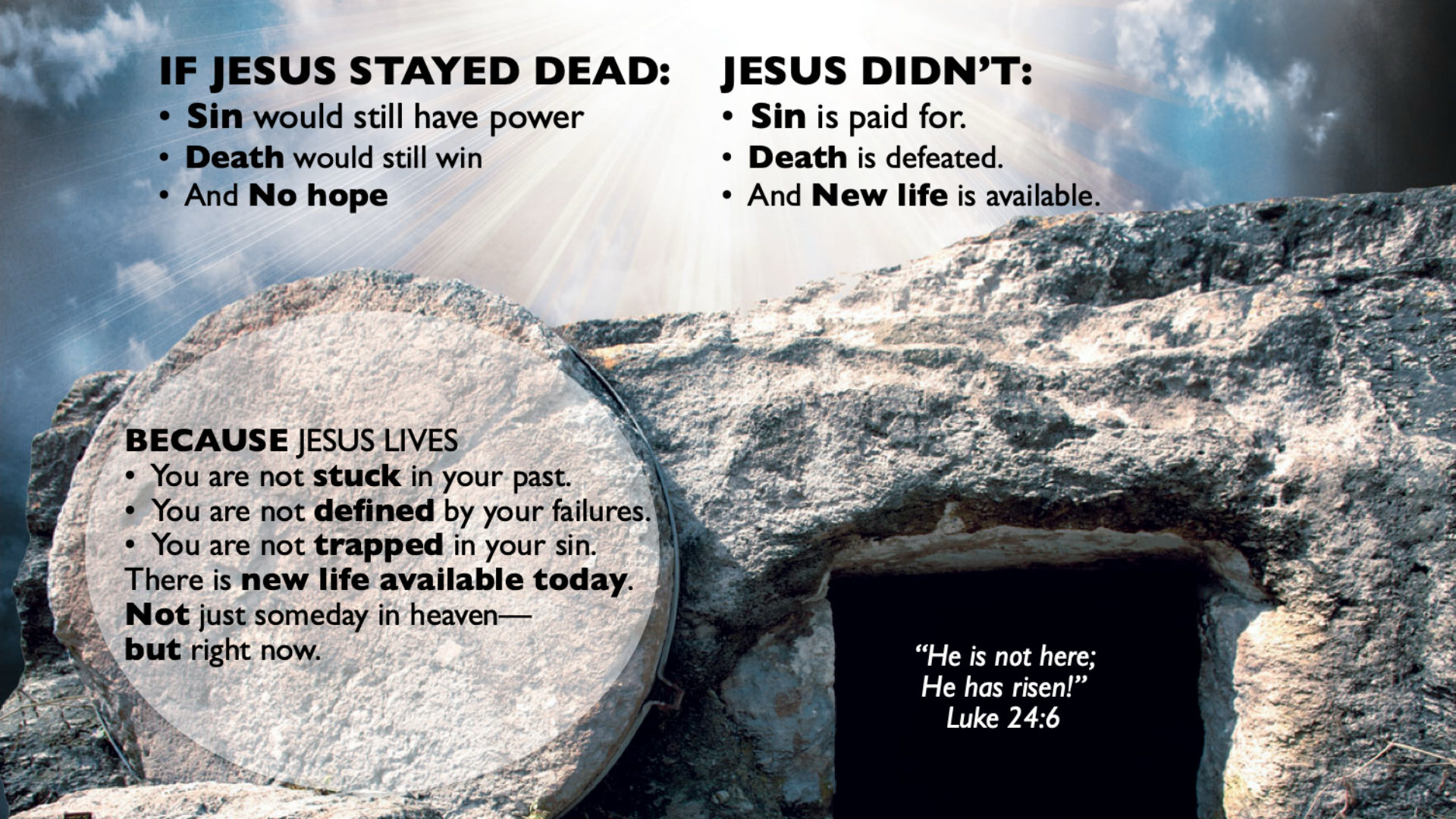
"The right response is not to try harder—but to receive His grace. The cross doesn't just forgive you, it restores you.

#3 JESUS DIDN'T STAY DEAD

Jesus is the Risen King.

*We **believe** in Jesus Christ :*
He died, was buried, rose bodily on the third day, ascended into heaven, ….




IF JESUS STAYED DEAD:
• Sin would still have power
• Death would still win
• And No hope
JESUS DIDN'T:
• Sin is paid for.
• Death is defeated.
• And New life is available.
BECAUSE JESUS LIVES
• You are not stuck in your past.
• You are not defined by your failures.
• You are not trapped in your sin.
There is new life available today.
Not just someday in heaven—
but right now.
"He is not here;
He has risen!"
Luke 24:6

“Everyone else stayed in the grave—but Jesus walked out.”

#4 JESUS IS WITH ME

*We **believe** in Jesus Christ :*
…. and sits at the right hand of
God the Father as the only mediator
between God and humanity.

Jesus is our Mediator and King



JESUS is the MEDIATOR and our KING

Hebrews 7:25

Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since ***he always lives to make intercession for them****.*

Romans 8:34

*Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised —****who is at the right hand of God****, who indeed* ***is interceding for us****.*

Hebrews 4:14-16

*14 Since then we have **a great high priest** who has **passed** through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to **sympathize** with our weaknesses, **but** one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.*
*16 Let us then with **confidence draw near** to the throne of grace, that we may **receive mercy** and **find grace** to help in time of need.*

Ephesians 1:20–23

20 that he worked in Christ when he ***raised*** *him from the dead and* ***seated*** *him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all* ***rule*** *and* ***authority*** *and* ***power*** *and* ***dominion****, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22 And he put* ***all things*** *under his feet and gave him as head over* ***all things*** *to the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.*

“Jesus didn’t just save you - He walks with you.”

#5 JESUS IS COMING BACK

Jesus is the Returning Judge

*We **believe** in Jesus Christ :*
One day he will return again to judge
the living and the dead.



JESUS is the RETURNING JUDGE

Acts 17:13

*31 because he has **fixed** a day on which he will **judge** the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.*

Easter is not just about **what Jesus has done, but** also about **what He will do**

- Jesus **came** the first time as Savior.
- Jesus will **return** Not as a suffering servant
- **But** as a **Righteous Judge and King**!

History is not random— it is heading toward a **final day/moment** when every person will **stand** before Jesus.

Jesus will return: **:**

- To **Judge** : **Justice** will be done;
- To **Restore Evil** will be dealt with;
- To **Reign** :And the **Kingdom of God** will be fully established

“Our life matters- Jesus is returning. One day, we will meet Jesus!”

WHAT DO WE DO :
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR US?

#1 : BELIEVE/

not just know about/
but **believing**
+**trusting** Him/He is
our Saviour+Lord

#2 : SURRENDER/

Jesus is the King/
stop living for self/
start living for Him

#3 : LIVE with **hope**/

your **past** is forgiven/
your **present** has
purpose/
your **future** is secured.

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Application Questions :

Q1 :
What does it mean to you personally that God came near instead of feeling/ staying distant?
How would your life change if you truly believed that God knows **what** you are going through?

Q2 :
Do you sometimes feel like you need to "earn" God's forgiveness? **Why?**
What would it look like for you to truly let go your past/guilt/ shame and receive His forgiveness?

Q3 :
If Jesus were to return today, **how** would you feel?
Or knowing that He is returning soon, **what** is one change you can make this week to live more intentionally for what truly matters?