

Lagniappe

Why do we celebrate Easter - Resurrection Weekend?

First, without the resurrection of Christ, the Christian faith is simply another empty religion.

Sure, Christianity has distinct teachings which are different from any other religion. Think about grace and forgiveness. These are amazing doctrines not found in other religions - but without the resurrection, they ring hollow.

Amazingly, the unbelieving world has adopted doctrines such as grace and forgiveness. In fact, the world seems to crave these unique teachings of Jesus. But for Jesus, *grace* and *forgiveness* were life experiences, not just teachings for others to follow.

But Paul made it clear. The resurrection matters. It is essential. Without the resurrection, our faith is in vain. "*If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins,*" 1 Corinthians 15:17

Second, the resurrection matters because it is the source of our transformation. We are different because of the resurrection. The resurrection is about power - the power to change your life. The born-again believer has the same power within that raised Jesus from the dead (Romans 8:11). It is obviously time we lived according to that power both within the church and within our own lives.

Third, Resurrection Weekend is not just something else we do; it is the heart of the Christian faith. Let us make it powerful and meaningful by seeking God with all our heart.

REMINDERS:

- ◇ **No adult Bible Study/Children or Youth activities this Wednesday night 4/1/26.**
- ◇ **Maundy Thursday - a special night of Worship 4/2/26 @ 7PM.** We will observe the Lord's Supper, Baptism, and remember the last night of Jesus before the crucifixion.
- ◇ **4 Services Easter weekend** – Saturday @ 6PM, Sunday @ 8AM, 9:30AM, & 11AM.
- ◇ **No Connect Groups Easter weekend,** there will be childcare for children ages 4 and under by reservation. Please scan to register by Wednesday April 1.

May God bless you and your family.



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