

LESSON 13
ALIVE!
MATTHEW 27:15—28:20



1 What is one of your favorite Easter traditions?

2 What is one interesting or unusual Easter custom that you celebrate with your family?



Read Matthew 27:15—28:20 and the following notes:

☐ 27:51 ☐ 27:52, 53 ☐ 27:64 ☐ 27:66 ☐ 28:2 ☐ 28:5–7 ☐ 28:6
☐ 28:11–15 ☐ 28:18 ☐ 28:18–20 ☐ 28:20

3 Where were Jesus' disciples during his resurrection (28:8–11)?

4 How did Jesus' followers respond when they realized that he had risen from the dead (28:16, 17)?

5 Why did the religious leaders make up a story to explain away the Resurrection (28:11–15)?

6 How did the Resurrection change the disciples' lives (28:18–20)?

7 Note below the three parts of Jesus' final words to his disciples in Matthew 28:18–20. What is the importance of each section?

Statement: _____

Command: _____

Promise: _____



When Jesus was arrested, his disciples fled. They didn't show their faces in public again until after Jesus had risen and appeared to Mary, Mary Magdalene, and others. Once these cowardly men fully realized who Jesus was and what he had done, they were changed forever. Jesus' resurrection did not merely intrigue them or become a footnote in history—it was the turning point for the disciples and for us. With the Resurrection, Jesus sealed our forgiveness, brought us power for living, and gave us a new commission. Now it's our turn to give back to him all we can.

8 Why is the resurrection of Christ important?



9 How does the fact that Jesus is alive affect your life?

10 What would be an appropriate way to thank Jesus for taking away your sins?

11 Jesus is alive today. What implications does this have for . . .
the way you pray? _____

your confidence in God? _____

your worries? _____

your purpose in life? _____

12 This week make it your goal to talk to the living Jesus each day. For what will you thank him?



13 For what will you ask his forgiveness?

14 What requests will you bring to him?

15 For what will you praise him?

A Who stirred up the crowd against Jesus (27:11–26)? Why is religion such an emotional topic? What can we do to minimize people’s defensiveness about their religious views? With whom can you take these steps in talking about Jesus?

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B What were Jesus’ last words on the cross (27:45–50)? Why were those words significant? What do those words reveal about what Christ accomplished for you on the cross? How can you express your thanks?

C Throughout these last events of Christ’s life, which person(s) would you like to have been beside (Judas, Peter, James, John, other disciples, Mary, Mary Magdalene, chief priests, Pharisees, Sadducees, elders, Pilate, Simon from Cyrene, Roman soldiers, thieves on the cross)? Why?

D What Christian hymn about the Crucifixion is most meaningful to you? Why?

E What Christian hymn about the Resurrection is most meaningful to you? Why?