



WEEKLY STUDY

This week (and every week) we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The tomb broke open and the earth continues to shake from its impact. We celebrate how Jesus' conquering of death gives us new life.

This week's study guide includes a journaling prompt for the week, and two questions to use for reflection on each passage.

If you are studying with your Providence Small Group, you can share from daily readings as well as the additional questions at the bottom of this guide. If you would like to get connected to a Providence Small Group visit prov.church/signup and click on Small Groups.

Find a time each day to read the passage of scripture. Pray this prayer written by spiritual director Sally Sharpe:

Jesus, the tomb is empty, and you are alive! Glory, hallelujah! May we see the impossible situations in our lives and our world through the lens of the Resurrection. Break us open so that we may live fully alive in you. Amen.

JOURNALING PROMPT FOR EASTER WEEK

Imagine you are hearing the news that Jesus has risen for the first time. Your Savior is alive! Express all of your thoughts and emotions freely, using the following prompt as a jump-start: Because the tomb is empty, I ...

DAILY STUDY

MONDAY: MARK 16.1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body.² Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb³ and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

⁴But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

⁶"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

⁸ Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

- What does this passage say about resurrection?
- How does this passage help you to break open before God today?

TUESDAY: MATTHEW 28.1-7

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

² There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

⁵ The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷ 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.”

- What does this passage say about resurrection?
- How does this passage help you to break open before God today?

WEDNESDAY: LUKE 24.1-6

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here; he has risen!

- What does this passage say about resurrection?
- How does this passage help you to break open before God today?

THURSDAY: JOHN 20.1-2, 16

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”).

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FRIDAY: PSALM 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.*

² *Let Israel say:*

“His love endures forever.”

¹⁶ *The Lord’s right hand is lifted high;
the Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!”*

¹⁷ *I will not die but live,
and will proclaim what the Lord has done.*

²² *The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;*

²³ *the Lord has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.*

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SATURDAY: COLOSSIANS 3.1-4

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

- What does this passage say about resurrection?
- How does this passage help you to break open before God today?

- See reverse for Small Group Discussion -

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

- As you feel led, share with one another from your response to the journaling prompt.
- How do the accounts of Easter Sunday differ from one another? How do they tell one complete story?