

“What Does Easter Prove?”

Matthew 28:1-10

Matthew 28:1 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." **8** So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell His disciples. **9** Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," He said. They came to Him, clasped His feet and worshiped Him. **10** Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see Me."

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1. What does Easter prove? It proves that Jesus was resurrected. It proves that Jesus conquered _____.
2. Easter or Resurrection Sunday shows the _____ of His quest for us.
3. God created us with a capacity to choose to love Him ... He _____ loved us.
4. God meets us where we are and brings us toward Himself through the study of the _____.

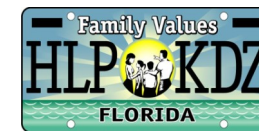
5. But there was still a gap between me and God ... a gap that I cannot overcome. My sin _____ me from a relationship with God.

Romans 3:23 ...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
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John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was with God in the beginning. **3** Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. **4** In Him was life, and that life was the light of men.

John 1:14 The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
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6. People missed it because they followed the routine of religion rather than accept the _____ of a relationship with God.
7. What does the resurrection prove?
 - a. The Resurrection proves that Jesus is _____.
 - b. The resurrection proves that there has always been a _____.



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