

Easter 2022

"The Spirit of God, who <u>raised</u> Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God <u>raised</u> Christ Jesus from the dead, He will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you."

[Romans 8:11]

You don't have to just celebrate Easter, you can experience it.

Friday: Day of Warring

"There is no pain that His purpose cannot redeem."

Saturday: Day of Waiting

"There is a gap between the pain and the promise."

"After being made alive, He went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits..."

[1 Peter 3:19]

"... He also descended to the lower, earthly regions..."
[Ephesians 4:9]

"And having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross."

[Colossians 2:15]

Saturday reminds us that while we are waiting, Jesus is working.

· We wait patiently.

"And so after <u>waiting patiently</u>, Abraham received what was promised." [Hebrews 6:15]

• We wait hopefully.

"So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the <u>right time</u> we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up."
[Galatians 6:9]



Sunday: Day of Winning

• The evidence of witnesses:

"So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews <u>to this very day."</u>
[Matthew 28:15]

• The first witnesses:

"So the <u>women</u> hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell His disciples."
[Matthew 28:8]

"Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; <u>but some doubted."</u> [Matthew 28:16-17]

• The changed lives of the earliest followers:

It's not shocking that there's only 1 way. It's shocking that there's any way.

"...just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

[Romans 6:4]

"I want to know Christ and <u>experience</u> the mighty power that raised Him from the dead..."

[Philippians 3:10-11 (NLT)]

Your response:

- A I am already in a relationship with Jesus
- B I'm beginning a real relationship with Jesus
- C I'd like to consider it a bit more first
- D I don't intend to make that decision today