

# EASTER

AT GRACEPOINT

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## Easter - An Opportunity to Remember

### 2013: Seven Last Sayings of Jesus

1. Forgiveness - Luke 23:34
2. Salvation - Luke 23:43
3. Relationship - John 19:26-27
4. Abandonment - Matthew 27:46
5. Distress - John 19:28
6. Triumph - John 19:30
7. Reunion - Luke 23:46

### 2014: Overflowing Hope Hebrews 11:1

### 2015: Who is this Man?

The Answer: Jesus is the Christ. Matthew 16:13-16

“Christ” Implications

- He is the Son of God. Matthew 3:16-17
- He is part of the Trinity. Matthew 3:16-17
- He put on flesh & became incarnate. II John 1:7
- He is fully God & fully man. John 1:14
- He was crucified for our sins. Mark 15:24
- He was resurrected from the dead. Matthew 28:1-7
- He is Savior for those who trust. John 3:15-18
- He sits at the right hand of the Father as our Advocate. I John 2:1

Thoughts on Jesus

- Too mysterious to define
- Too powerful to battle
- Too obvious to deny
- Too fatherly to forget
- Too great to manage
- Too kind to ignore
- Too loving to mistrust
- Too right to go wrong

### 2016: God's Big Give Romans 5:8

### 2017: Reasons to Believe

1. The empty tomb was discovered by women. In that culture, this was not the starting point of making a legend. Mark 16:1-8
2. The empty tomb's location was known, which allowed for verification of it being empty. This was a bad move if someone wanted to create a legend. Matthew 27:57-66
3. Those opposed to Jesus' resurrection did not deny the empty tomb but rather chose to discredit it with a false report. Matthew 28:11b-15
4. The realistic account of the disciples supports the resurrection's validity. John 20:24-29
5. The accuracy of the resurrection is reinforced by the short time period between its occurrence & written accounts about it.
6. There were many eye witnesses who saw the resurrected Jesus. I Corinthians 15:3-8
7. Many of the early disciples were willing to die as martyrs because they saw the resurrected Jesus.

### 2018 Easter: Big Question

What happens to a person when they DIE?

### Big Thought

The dead do RISE! I Corinthians 15:12-23, 35-53

- I. Jesus was raised from the dead as the FIRSTFRUITS.
- II. The resurrection is the CORNERSTONE of the Christian faith.

### Reflection

How does the resurrection CHANGE the way I live?

I live as a person in the KNOW about Jesus.