

TEACHING GUIDE

Easter Changes Everything

Sample
OUTREACH

SERIES OUTLINE

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SERMONWEEK 1

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Sermon:

Good morning, Church, and Happy Easter. He is risen, He is risen indeed! Today, the global Church will celebrate its belief in the resurrected Jesus Christ and the transformative power that comes from him being alive and at work in our lives. What looked like defeat on Friday turned into victory as Jesus overcame sin and death to rise from the grave on Sunday! Easter is a story of victory.

Everyone loves a good story of triumph. One where someone overcomes all odds to rise above the rest. One where their astonishing effort immortalizes them and ensures that they are remembered for all time.

STORY: In 1989, Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls were facing off with the Cleveland Cavaliers in the first round of the Eastern Conference finals. As the seconds ticked off the clock at the end of the game, Jordan shot the basketball at the hoop and "the shot" became etched in basketball lore, a masterpiece of athleticism and precision, the Bulls won the game in electric fashion. The elevation that defied gravity, and the legendary precision of that shot as time

expired makes it one of the most memorable moments in sports history. Describing it in words falls short of the powerful impact felt when witnessing that moment firsthand. If someone was given a chance to go back in time and be present for one moment in sports and experience the environment of the crowd, choosing to see “the shot” in person, might be high on the list. (*Share a story about an amazing moment that is better experienced than explained*)

When we experience powerful moments like this, we never forget them. They have the power to shape and mold us for the future.

Easter is the time of year when we remember the biggest, most pivotal moment that changed the world forever. Early in the morning, three days after Jesus’ crucifixion, two women went to the tomb to deliver spices to the body of Jesus. When they arrived, however, they experienced something that would have been difficult to put into words.

READ Luke 24:1-8

The tomb of Jesus had been sealed by a massive stone rolled across the entrance. To their surprise, when they arrived, the stone had been rolled away. Inside, the tomb was empty. Jesus’ body was nowhere to be seen. Suddenly, two angels of the Lord appeared before them. The women were terrified and hid their faces. The angels told them that Jesus was no longer dead, he was alive, and he would not be found in the grave.

POINT #1 – SOME THINGS ARE BETTER EXPERIENCED THAN EXPLAINED

The women quickly rushed off to find the disciples to deliver the good news that Jesus had risen from the dead. But how do you tell someone a story like this? How would you possibly get others to imagine, let alone believe, the huge stone rolled away, angels gleaming bright, and an empty tomb where the crucified Savior once was? It would be nearly impossible. It would be like trying to explain to someone what it was like seeing “the shot” in person. I feel like this is true of Easter each year as well. How could we possibly explain from the pulpit or to our friends, such a wonderful, powerful, and life changing event like the resurrection? It is better experienced than explained.

STORY: I remember growing up in the church and hearing the story of Easter every year. I saw the resurrection of Jesus played out on a flannelgraph, we sang about it in songs, we watched movies depicting the miraculous moment, but all of