

Asking for a Friend...

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Do You Really Expect Me to Believe that Easter Still Makes a Difference?

Luke 23:32-47

The One Thing:

The Entire Reason that Jesus Could _____ Me Is....
Jesus _____ Himself.

What Easter Means In Five Words:

1. Easter Means _____. - I Can Change My Mind.

Luke 23:40 But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence?"

2. Easter Means _____. - I Can Be Forgiven By God.

Luke 23:34 Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

3. Easter Means _____. -I am Given What I Do Not Deserve Because He Took What He Did Not Deserve.

Luke 23:40-41 But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

4. Easter Means _____. -I, Too, Can Reach Out with What Little Faith I Have and God Will Accept Me.

Luke 23:42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

5. Easter Means _____. – I Can Be Assured that Jesus is With Me and I Will Be With Jesus in Paradise.

Luke 23:43 Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Luke 24:1-12 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! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again. ⁸ Then they remembered his words. ⁹ When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But they did not believe the women, because their words ^{seemed} to them like nonsense. ¹² Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.