



The Good News, Bad News, And Good News

MAIN THING

The Resurrection is The Greatest Day in History

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 3:6, Genesis 3:21, Exodus 12:21-23, Deuteronomy 21:22-23, Luke 24:1-7, Acts 4:33, Revelation 5:12, Revelation 19:11-16, Luke 23:39-43, John 3:16

ICEBREAKER

Worst Easter Candy ever?

OPENING THOUGHT

The Bible tells one story from beginning to end- and that is the story of substitutionary atonement. Something other than you dies for your sins. Something other than you faces the wrath of God so you don't have to. Something else is condemned so you are set free. We see that story beginning in Genesis and ending in Revelation. How does this happen? With the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was the one thing that you heard this past Sunday that stuck out to you? Why did it resonate with you like it did?
2. What would it take for you to walk away from your faith in Christ?

LIFE APPLICATION

This week there isn't really a great deal of "life application"- there's not a great deal to "do" in response to this main thing. This week's main thing is more a self-reflection than an action step. We all need to make sure that our faith rests in the resurrection of Jesus, that we understand the coherence of the Bible, the single story it tells, and live our lives according to it. Clarity, not action, is the goal of this week's main thing.

CHALLENGE

There is no challenge this week. The message of the resurrection, of GRACE, is that there isn't anything we can do to save ourselves. The entire concept of substitutionary atonement is that Jesus does for us what we can't do for ourselves. Therefore, no action is required. Let gratitude for the resurrection and God's substitutionary atonement fill your life this week. Grateful Christians are powerful Christians.