



# HAPPY EASTER

## Death to Life – 4/4/21

### OVERVIEW

All of Christianity comes back to what we celebrate today...an empty tomb. That Jesus died on the cross for our sins, was buried, and that He was raised on the third day. If there was no empty tomb, then think about how our lives would be different today. What does the empty tomb mean to you? How does your life look different because of that resurrection? What is your death to life experience?

Scriptures (ESV): 1 Corinthians 15:1-8, 14, 17-19; John 11:25

### APPLICATION

- **YES/NO CARD** - Historians have evidence that Jesus was a Jewish rabbi. The debate for many people is not that Jesus lived, but that He was resurrected on the third day. Do you believe that resurrection really happened? If the answer is yes, what makes you believe? If your answer is no, what holds you back from believing?
  - **SUNFLOWER SEEDS** - We heard about James (the apostle), Stephen, James (the brother of Jesus), Josephus, Paul, and Peter, and how they all died claiming that Jesus was the Messiah. Their deaths gave the opportunity that others could hear the truth. The sunflower seeds represent the process of the death of something to produce new life. How have you seen new life in yourself since following Jesus? If you don't follow Jesus, is there something God might be trying to show you?
  - **COMMUNION SUPPLIES** - For those who have accepted Jesus as their Savior, take communion and remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for you. Follow the communion card. What does Jesus' death and resurrection and the empty tomb mean to you? If you have never taken that step of surrender, what is a practical next step God is calling you to?
  - **THE CROSS** - Take time and remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for you. How might you live differently this week in light of this truth? If you have questions or want to talk email [brccpastor@blueridge.org](mailto:brccpastor@blueridge.org).
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