



EASTER

A Life Transformed - 4/21/19

OVERVIEW

What in life do we really need? Water? Shelter? Food? Companionship? How many of us would list faith? Hope? Jesus? Some of us may have encountered Jesus around a bonfire at summer camp or sitting in a church service — there was a slight tug, a flicker of life, maybe even a short-term effort on our part to make this religion life work, or not. What caused that flicker to die out? What diverted our attention, our intentions away from a Savior who laid down His life for us? What would our changed life look like?

Scripture (all NIV): John 20:1-11, Luke 8:1-2, Mark 15:40-41, John 19:25, Luke 23:55, John 20:1, John 20:11-16, John 20:18

APPLICATION

1. What did Easter look like growing up in your home? Share.
2. Throughout the morning, we talked about not expecting the resurrection. Not even Mary Magdalene expected Jesus to be alive when she went to the tomb. What prevents you from having an expectation of Jesus' work in your life?
3. Mary Magdalene had a history with Jesus — she saw His miracles, she followed Him, she supported His ministry financially, etc. She put herself in places where she could be close to Jesus, including going to the tomb. What can we learn from her example and what she experienced? What needs to change in your life?
4. John 20:9, states "They [the disciples] still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead." Why was it so difficult for them to believe that? Why is Jesus' resurrection a requirement for a new life?

HOMEWORK: This week, read through the different accounts of Jesus' death and resurrection in the four gospels: Matthew 27-28, Mark 15-16, Luke 23-24, and John 19-20. Share with a friend what stands out to you. Pray that God will show up in your life and resurrect the dead places.

