

Easter: Day Shall Come Again

Discussion Guide for April 4 and 5, 2026

Summary

This weekend's passage brings Holy Week to its climactic conclusion. Following Palm Sunday's triumphal entry and Good Friday's death of Jesus, Easter morning arrives with world-changing news: Jesus has defeated death. The theme of light and darkness, woven throughout the week, reaches its resolution: darkness does not win.

The message explores Luke 24:1–12, where a group of women arrive at Jesus' tomb on Sunday morning, only to find the tomb empty. Two angels greet them with seven words that changed all of human history: Jesus is not dead — He has risen. The women remember that Jesus had promised this very thing, and they run to tell the other disciples.

Through these events, we are reminded that the resurrection is not an accident — it is a promise fulfilled. Because Jesus rose from the dead, death does not get the last word. No matter what darkness we face in this life, the resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of a living hope that neither circumstances nor even death itself can extinguish. Day has come again.

Ice Breaker

Have you ever looked for something — or someone — in completely the wrong place? What happened, and what did it feel like when you finally found what you were looking for?

Key Verses

1. Luke 24:1–12
2. Romans 6:5
3. John 11:25–26
4. 1 Peter 1:3
5. Matthew 16:21

Discussion Questions

1. The women came to the tomb out of devoted love for Jesus, even in their grief. What does their faithfulness in a dark moment reveal about the relationship they had with Him — and how might that challenge us?
2. The angels asked, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" In what areas of your life might you be looking for hope, meaning, or life in places that cannot actually provide it?
3. The resurrection was not a surprise to Jesus — He had told His followers it would happen. How does knowing that the resurrection was a promise fulfilled strengthen your confidence in the other promises Jesus has made?

4. Peter didn't fully believe the women's report, but he believed enough to go see for himself. Where are you on that spectrum right now — full belief, curious skepticism, or somewhere in between? What would it take to move you toward deeper conviction?

Life Application

This week, ask yourself honestly: What is my darkness? Whatever it is — bring it to Jesus in prayer, trusting that the same power that raised Him from the dead is available to you right now. And if you've never given your life to Jesus, don't wait — talk to a pastor or trusted Christian friend this week.

Key Takeaways

1. The tomb is empty. This is not a metaphor. Jesus rose from the dead. That changes everything.
2. The resurrection was a promise kept. Jesus said it would happen — and it did. He can be trusted.
3. Death doesn't get the last word. Not over Jesus. Not over you.
4. Hope is a person. His name is Jesus. Nothing else will hold.