

“Flawless: An Easter Message”



OPEN IT

- Why do you think people tend to hide their flaws or try to present the “best version” of themselves to others?
- 2. Have you ever tried to fix something in your life on your own, only to realize you needed help? What happened?

READ IT:

- Mark 15:24–39
- 2 Corinthians 5:21
- Romans 3:23–25
- Mark 16:1–6
- Mark 8:34–35

EXPLORE IT

- In **Mark 15:24–26**, what stands out about the charge against Jesus, and what does it reveal about who He truly is?
- In **Mark 15:27–32**, people mock Jesus for not saving Himself. Why is it essential to the gospel that Jesus didn’t come down from the cross?
- What does Jesus’ suffering and death reveal about both God’s holiness and our sinfulness?
- According to **2 Corinthians 5:21**, what does it mean that Jesus “became sin for us”? How does that exchange work?
- In **Romans 3:23–25**, what problem do all people share—and why can’t we solve it on our own?

- The message says our “A-game” isn’t enough. Why do people still try to earn their way to God?
- In **Mark 16:1–6**, what evidence do we see that the resurrection actually happened—and why does it matter?
- How does the resurrection change the meaning of the cross and the hope available to us?
- In **Mark 8:34–35**, what does it practically mean to “deny yourself” and “take up your cross”?
- The message says we must both receive Jesus by faith and trust Him with our lives. Why are both of those necessary—not just one?

DO IT:

- **Be honest about your flaws.** Stop hiding or managing your image before God. Confess your sin openly and honestly this week. For an extra challenge: Confess to a trusted Christ follower.
- **Receive grace by faith.** If you’ve been trying to “earn it,” take a moment to consciously trust in what Jesus has already done for you.
- **Surrender control.** Identify one area of your life you’re still trying to control and intentionally place it in Jesus’ hands.
- **Take your next step of discipleship.** Based on **Mark 8:34–35**, choose one concrete way to follow Jesus more fully this week (time, priorities, obedience) and do it.
- **Share the Way-Maker.** Think of one person who needs hope and forgiveness and take a step to share your story or invite them into a conversation about Jesus.