

Lutheran FAQ: What Is Easter About?

How do you usually celebrate Easter?

If you saw Jesus like the disciples did, how do you think you'd react?

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"Alleluia!" is Hebrew for "praise God!" How will you praise God because Jesus has conquered death? _____

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For the disciples, Easter is a day of fear, doubt, grief, hope, and great joy. How do you think you'd react if you saw the risen Jesus that day? _____

How does God's promise of eternal life change your life right now? _____

Deeper Dive:

- Compare the Easter morning stories in Mark, John, and Matthew or Luke. (Most scholars believe that the verses after Mark 16:8 were added by later writers.) What sticks out to you about the differences? Why is Mark so short? Why does John put the scene in a garden? (Compare Genesis 3 for a hint.)
- The disciples stay together Easter evening (see Luke's gospel for that story). What do you think they got out of being together on such a hard day?