



EASTER

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What are your fondest memories of Easter from childhood?

2. Do you have any Easter traditions with your family?

Read Revelation 1:8, 17-18

3. In what ways do these words from Jesus preach an Easter message?

4. How does the fear of death shape our decision-making?

5. How have you experienced the mercy of forgiveness or the mercy of healing?

6. Why is God the only one who can free us from death?

7. Why is the Father's house (John 14:2), best understood as the Trinity's habitation of infinite love?

8. Consider this quote from theologian David Bentley Hart: *"From eternity, God has brought spiritual creatures into existence in the only way such creatures could be formed: by calling them to ascend out of the darkness of nonbeing into the infinite beauty of the divine nature. To exist as a spiritual creature is simply to have heard and (from the very first instant) responded to this total vocation. Creation is already deification—is, in fact, theogony. For that eternal act—that summoning of all created natures out of the primordial darkness—is most certainly an entirely free and unmerited gift of being, imparted to those who were not and in themselves had no claim to be; but it also, and no less originally, the call that awakens the gods."*

How do we respond to the gift of being given to us by God?

9. What obstacles do you face in experiencing the joy of resurrection?

10. What can you do this week to reflect on the beauty of Jesus in his resurrection?