

# The Resurrection: what's the big deal?

Use the following questions to help guide your conversation with your family! I have cited a ton of verses to help you out. They are from the New Living Translation, but feel free to use your preferred translation.

## 1. Why does it matter that Jesus died?

### **The consequence of sin is separation from God and death**

It's your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, he has turned away and will not listen anymore. (Isaiah 59:2)

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

### **Because we all have sinned we all get this consequence.**

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. (Romans 3:23)

### **But Jesus took the penalty of sin, which is death, and removed its consequence from us when he died on the cross.**

He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed. (1 Peter 2:24)

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Matthew 20:28)

Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit. (1 Peter 3:18)

Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed for us. (1 Corinthians 5:7)

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. (Romans 5:8)

### **We must receive Christ and be saved by faith in Him.**

But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. (John 1:12)

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

## 2. Why does it matter that Jesus came back to life?

And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins. (1 Corinthians 15:17)

This letter is from Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, chosen by God to be an apostle and sent out to preach his Good News. God promised this Good News long ago through his prophets in the holy Scriptures. The Good News is about his Son. In his earthly life he was born into King David's family line, and he was shown to be the Son of God when he was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 1:1-4)

## 3. What does Jesus' death show us about sin?

**It's forgiven once for all because Jesus was the perfect sacrifice.**

He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world. (1 John 2:2)

Everyone who sins is breaking God's law, for all sin is contrary to the law of God. And you know that Jesus came to take away our sins, and there is no sin in him. (1 John 3:4-5)

## 4. What does Jesus' resurrection show us about sin?

**It no longer enslaves us!**

He was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised to life to make us right with God. (Romans 4:25).

If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (Romans 10:9).

And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him. We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him. When he died, he died once to break the power of sin. But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God. (Romans 6:8-10)

But now you are free from the power of sin and have become slaves of God. (Romans 6:22)

## 5. What does Jesus' resurrection show us about death?

**We don't need to fear it, because death is not the end!**

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. (John 11:25-26)

Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Since I live, you also will live. (John 14:19)

But God released him from the horrors of death and raised him back to life, for death could not keep him in its grip. (Acts 2:24)

Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying. (Hebrews 2:14-15)

For it is my Father's will that all who see his Son and believe in him should have eternal life. I will raise them up at the last day. (John 6:40)

For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died. (1 Thessalonians 4:14).

But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior. He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control. (Philippians 3:20,21).

After your discussion, use the following identity statement to reinforce it! You can print off my version (and color it in!) or have your child create their own.

I am loved.

I am forgiven.

I am dead to sin.

I am free from  
the fear of death,

and I am

alive to God

in Christ Jesus!