

WHAT IF JESUS?

WEEK 4 - EASTER - WHAT IF JESUS NEVER ROSE?

OVERVIEW

How would the world be different if Jesus never rose from the grave? In this message, we will explore the resurrection and the seeds of New Creation which began to sprout that powerful Easter morning. Because Jesus rose, not only has everything begun to be made new, not only can we live free from enslavement to sin, but we can share in the "reconciliation of everything" through the Spirit of Christ which is now available within us!

Nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:39

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is one phrase you could use to describe the joy of Easter to a non-believer?
2. What is the significance of Jesus rising from the grave?
3. According to Old Testament prophets, what are some of the blessings that humanity would experience in the "New Creation"? (see Isaiah 65:17-19, Micah 5:5, Amos 9:13-14, Isaiah 11:6, Zephaniah 3:15)
4. What would the New Creation look like for you? What would it look like for you to return to Eden?
5. Based on what Paul says in 2 Corinthians 5:17, how has the New Creation already begun?
6. What can we do to help spread the New Creation? Share some practical ways we could begin spreading an *Eden* kind of living today.
7. Barry encourages, "Don't just live the cross; live the empty tomb!" What is the difference between these two ways of living?

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