

THE REAL JESUS BECOMES REAL TO YOU

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BIG IDEA: Easter is about Jesus—that he died and rose again—that He is alive today—reaching out to you—calling to you to come to him.

1. Jesus came and revealed the heart of God to us.

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”... He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” **Luke 4:18-21** (Isaiah 61)

2. Jesus died on a cross.

He was cruelly killed, and somehow it was all used by God for a purpose!

2 Levels of the Story: Human and the Divine

“We’re all like sheep who’ve wandered off and gotten lost. We’ve all done our own thing, gone our own way. And GOD has piled all our sins, everything we’ve done wrong, on him, on him.” **Isaiah 53:6**
Message

“He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross” **1 Peter 2:24** NLT (1 Pet. 3:18)

3. Jesus rose from the dead.

Death did not have the final word! He Rose Again!

“Then they will hand him over to the Romans to be mocked, flogged with a whip, and crucified. But on the third day he will be raised from the dead.”

Matthew 20:19 NLT

He is who he said he is. He can be trusted.

He is still alive today!

4. Jesus comes to us and wants us to know him, to follow him.

“Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.” **Revelation 3:20**
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