



Easter Erased Discussion Guide

The story of Jesus—His death and His resurrection—is well known. For some, Easter is just another holiday to remember a great man. Yet for believers, Easter makes everything whole. It brings freedom from guilt, real life, and eternal salvation. It all starts with acknowledging the penalty of sin and the payment Jesus made on our behalf. Only then can our sins can be totally erased.

Jump Start

1. What is your favorite Easter memory or tradition?
2. Many people use their own made-up “point system” to determine how morally good or bad they feel they are. How would you rank your “goodness”? **Read Romans 3:23**. What observations can be made from this verse?
3. **Now read Romans 3:24-25 and Colossians 2:13-14**. We are not able to live up to God’s standards, so what did God do to to help us? What are the keywords that stick out here?
4. **Read Romans 10:9-10**. Jesus made a way for our sins to be forgiven and canceled. But according to these verses, what step do we need to take in order for that cancelation to take effect?
5. If you have made this decision to confess (declare) that Jesus is your Lord, do you feel forgiven? Do you deal with guilt? **Read 1 John 1:9 and James 5:16**. In the confidence of your group, do you feel the need to publicly repent of anything? Or is there something you need to confess directly to God?
6. Final Thought: **Read Romans 8:1**. As a group, use your phones, computers, and tablets to look up the meaning of the word “condemnation” on different sites. Now re-read that verse, using all the different definitions. Isn’t it freeing to realize that you don’t have to live in that guilt or feel any of those negative things. When Jesus died on the cross and was resurrected three days later, He defeated all those things and gave us full and abundant life! How should this affect the way you live? How should this affect the way you view and treat others?

Deeper

Take some of these verses from the Easter message, and use Bible Gateway or other bible study tools to review them. Copy the cross references for each verse. See where the themes of these verses show up in other parts of scripture. Write down your observations.

7. **Psalm 103:8-13:**

8. **Isaiah 43:25 and Isaiah 44:22:**

9. **Micah 7:18-19:**