

EASTER 2022: THE DAY NO ONE BELIEVED

Introduction

When Jesus died, hope died along with him. No one was planning to keep this new movement going, because, after all, it seemed Jesus wasn't who he had claimed to be. Immediately following the crucifixion, there were no Christians, because there was no Christ. But then something happened.

Discussion Questions

1. Growing up, what was Easter like for you?
2. The Gospels focus on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. When you think of Jesus, which of those three words come to mind the most?
3. The event of the resurrection led to a movement, which led to the Bible being written. If we get this sequence out of order, how might that lead to confusion?
4. Read **Mark 15:43-47**.
 - What are some details about this story that would lead a reader to believe this actually happened?
 - What stands out to you?
5. Read **Mark 16:1-7**.
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CHANGING YOUR MIND

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"
Mark 16:6-7 (NIV)

The kingdom of God is near, and everyone is invited to participate.