

THE BIG STORY

FROM CREATION TO CHRIST

WEEK 12

THE MESSIAH HAS COME: Jesus, the Fulfillment of the Story

DAILY READING: April 6 – 10th

Mon – Luke 24

Tue – John 20

Wed – Matthew 28

Thu – 2 Corinthians 1:19–22

Fri – 2 Corinthians 5:17–21

DEVOTIONAL

Memory Verse: “For all the promises of God find their Yes in him.” 2 Corinthians 1:20

Story Thread: Every promise, every question, and every hope in Scripture finds its final answer in Jesus.

There is something every heart is longing for—a sense that things will finally be made right. From the beginning of the story, that longing has been there. Creation was good, but sin fractured it. God made promises, rescued His people, gave the Law, sent kings and prophets, and even in silence, continued moving His story forward. Each moment carried the same question: will God fulfill what He said?

Easter answers that question with certainty. In Jesus, God does not respond with “maybe” or “we’ll see.” He responds with a definitive YES. The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus are not just events in history—they are the fulfillment of every promise God has made. What was anticipated in the Old Testament becomes reality in Christ.

On the cross, it looked like the answer might be no. Hope seemed lost, and everything felt silent again. But the resurrection reveals the truth: God was not absent, and He was not finished. Three days later, Jesus rose from the grave, declaring victory over sin and death. The cross was not defeat—it was the pathway to fulfillment. The empty tomb is God’s final word: yes to forgiveness, yes to restoration, yes to new life.

Because of Jesus, our relationship with God is no longer based on what we do or what we have done, but on what He has done for us. In Him, we are accepted, not condemned. In Him, we are not alone. In Him, our past no longer defines us, and our future is secure. This is not temporary hope—it is a settled, unchanging reality.

Easter reminds us that even when life feels uncertain or silent, God has already spoken His greatest answer. The question is no longer whether God will come through, but whether we will trust the “yes” He has already given in Jesus.

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

TALK What is something you've had to wait for? How did it feel when the answer finally came?

READ Matthew 28:5–6 and 2 Corinthians 1:20

Prayer: God, thank You for sending Jesus and for keeping every promise You have made. Help our family trust You and live in the hope of the resurrection. Amen.

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Text: Luke 24; John 20; Matthew 28

1. **Throughout the Bible, people were waiting on God's promises.** Why do you think waiting is such a big part of faith?
2. **2 Corinthians 1:20 says all God's promises find their "Yes" in Jesus.** What does that mean in a practical, everyday sense?
3. **The cross looked like defeat before the resurrection.** Why is it important to see both the cross and the empty tomb together?
4. **The resurrection proves that God's final answer is "yes," even when things look uncertain.** Where do people tend to struggle trusting that truth in everyday life, and why?
5. **Looking back on the whole story—from creation to the resurrection—**how does seeing that all of God's promises find their "Yes" in Jesus (2 Corinthians 1:20) change the way we view God's faithfulness?

