

## Easter Sunday

### A Fallen World, A Risen Christ

#### **HEAR IT**

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#### **READ IT**

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Key Verses:

“If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we re of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive... Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and every power.” 1 Corinthians 15:19-22, 24

#### **REVIEW IT**

The idea of a “fallen world” is fundamental to Christian doctrine and belief.

- Our world is not what it was created to be
- “Fallen” addresses our current condition where sin and evil seek to reign and enslave
- Most people will experience a mixture of the good and bad this “fallen” world can offer
- We enjoy the good, question the bad, and the cycle continues

Sometimes we expect equity in this cycle...as much good as bad. The truth is that this isn't always the case; God uses our pain to get our attention at times. Yes, we live in a fallen world full of pain and suffering.

**BUT WE FOLLOW A RISEN CHRIST!! ALLELUIA!!**

**BECAUSE WE FOLLOW A RISEN CHRIST....**

Because we follow a risen Christ, we can trust God.

Because we follow a risen Christ, we have been redeemed, bought back and delivered from sin

Because we follow a risen Christ, we our life has meaning and purpose

Because we follow a risen Christ, we know the events of the day are not the end of our story

Because we follow a risen Christ, we know this life is but the prelude to an eternal story that never ends

Because we follow a risen Christ, we are indwelled by the Holy Spirit of God and have the power to face life in a “fallen” world

Because we follow a risen Christ, we are not defined by this “fallen” world because as Paul reminds us we are now citizens of heaven and we live by a different set of values (Philippians 3:20)

Because we follow a risen Christ, we do not despair for have a “peace that passes all human understanding

### **DISCUSS IT**

Talk about each of the points above ....Because we follow a risen Christ...

How does following the risen Christ give you hope in a world that is sometimes full of suffering and pain?

How does knowing the love of Christ and the fact that Christ is with you in your pain help you have meaning and purpose in this world?

### **PRAY IT**

Dear Lord, thank you for conquering death! Thank you that I don't have to be afraid but that as long as I have your love, I can make it in this world that often has pain. Thank you that through you I can still have joy, the deep knowing that you love me and have a purpose for my life. In Jesus' Name, Amen

### **APPLY IT**

Think of all the new life making its debut this spring! It is no mistake that God choose spring and the Jewish celebration of Passover, a season of new life that He created, to raise Jesus from the dead. Jesus is the perfect Lamb, sacrificed for you. How does spring make you feel? Now think of Jesus' rising from the dead, conquering death! He is still alive! He is with you when you give your life to HIM! Plant some seeds indoors with your family and wait for them to grow and bloom. Use this as a way to explain new life to children. A favorite resource for kids is The Donut Man's Resurrection Celebration DVD and CD. Find his resources online.