



Easter Bible Story Answers

Research Questions:

1. Why is Easter so important for each one of us?

Easter is the most important festival in the Christian calendar. It celebrates God raising his son Jesus from the dead as well as the destruction of the power of sin and death forever. It symbolises the opening of Heaven with the gift of eternal life to everyone.

2. Why was officialdom so fearful of Jesus?

Jesus had many followers and was said to teach that God was greater than the emperor, and the Romans feared that He might lead an armed revolt against the government. Jesus also spoke out about the hypocrisy of religious leaders.

3. Why, even after they had crucified Him, was a stone rolled across the entrance to the tomb?

An empty tomb would provide concrete evidence for the resurrection. The Romans were fearful that this would undermine their authority.

4. How do you think the Disciples felt?

They must have felt lost, bewildered, and afraid. Supporters of Jesus must have felt vulnerable. Jesus had spoken of resurrection, but this would have been beyond their understanding and faith. The disciples hid themselves.

Today

1. What was the point of all this?

Jesus died on the cross for all of us. The covenant (relationship) with God was expressed in human terms but with the resurrection. Love never dies and God's love for us knows no limits.

2. What was different about this situation?

The resurrection is unique to Christianity. It is beyond military or political power. Our God reigns.

3. Who is Jesus there for?

You and I, everyone.

4. Has anyone else sacrificed themselves – given their lives - for us?

This is a personal question and only you know the answer. We can read of acts of bravery where someone gave their life to save others. To such people we often attribute the description "Hero".

5. Why is Christianity still in existence?

Christianity succeeded in large measure because it requires people to make a decision (confirmation). Do not confuse Christianity with religion. The love of God reaches out to each one of us, regardless of who we are.