

Countdown to Easter  
Consummation  
March 31, 2024

Matt. 28, 1 Cor. 15, Rev. 21

Getting to Know You

1. When do you feel most alive?
2. Where do you tend to look the most: Behind you, where you are, or ahead of you?

Digging Deeper

3. Do you think the guards at the tomb ever recovered from what they witnessed on Easter morning (Matthew 28:1-4, 11-15)? How did understanding that Jesus conquered death for your sake change your life? Do you keep that news to yourself or share it?
4. Mary Magdalene and “the other Mary,” upon hearing that Jesus had risen, departed quickly from the tomb “with fear and great joy” (Matt. 28:8). Why the mixed emotions? Have you ever experienced fear and great joy at the same time? What emotions do you feel when you think of Christ’s return?
5. How did they respond to Jesus’ greeting when they met him on the road to Galilee? Do you think you’ll be able to stay on your feet when you meet him face to face?
6. Why would our faith be in vain if Jesus had not been raised from the dead (1 Cor. 14, 17-18)? What does Christ’s resurrection from the dead mean to you personally? How does it affect how you view your own death (v 22-23.)?
7. Can you imagine anything happening “in the twinkling of an eye”? What will we experience at Christ’s return (Matthew 28:50-52)? Are you struggling with physical or mental ailments? Do you feel worn out or beat up? Can you imagine being made “imperishable”?
8. At Christmastime we’re reminded that Immanuel means “God with us” (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23) What does Revelation 21:1-3 tell us about God’s plan for us for eternity? Why do you think God wants to be with us?

Living it Out

9. They dropped to Jesus’ feet and worshiped him. What do you need to tell him about what he means to you?
10. Read Revelation 21:4. Read it out loud. Can you imagine what it will be like to never hurt or grieve again? To have God himself wipe every tear from your eyes?
11. Are you living in the hope of Jesus’ return? What will you let go of and what will you hold on to as you await his return?