

## Easter Sunday

### 1 Corinthians 15 v 3-8

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to (Peter), and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to (Paul) also.

Living Lord Jesus, your resurrection gives me so much hope! Thank you that your resurrection means that your followers have eternal life with you. Please help me to live now as someone who loves you and belongs to you. Thank you for loving me so much! Amen.

On Easter Day we remember Jesus' resurrection from the dead. The Bible makes it clear that Jesus really died and really rose again. Why is this important? Here are a few of the reasons...

1. When Jesus rose from the dead it proved that He had destroyed death's power. Death couldn't hold Him down!

2. Jesus' resurrection means that we, as His followers, have eternal life in Him.

3. Jesus said He would rise from the dead. His resurrection proved that His words are trustworthy. If he was right about that, He was right about everything else!

4. Jesus' resurrection proves that He really is fully God and fully man. Only God has power and authority over death!

5. Jesus is alive! He wants us to come to Him. He hears our prayers and He also prays for us!

'But God raised Jesus from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.'  
Acts 2 v 24

How are you going to respond to all that you have learnt from these Easter prayer sheets?

## Luke 24 v 1-8

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup>While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup>**He is not here; he has risen!** Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: <sup>7</sup>‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’” <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words.

## John 20 v 1-8

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. <sup>2</sup>So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

<sup>3</sup>So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. <sup>4</sup>Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, <sup>7</sup>as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. <sup>8</sup>Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.