

INVITATIONS

Easter 2022: An Invitation to Come and See

Easter is an invitation to _____, _____ and _____.

And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13 (NKJV)

Easter is:

FAITH: In a _____ Christ.

Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

John 20:24-25 (NIV)

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

John 20:27-28 (NIV)

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

John 20:29 (NIV)

HOPE: For _____ resurrection.

But Christ has truly been raised from the dead—the first one and proof that those who sleep in death will also be raised.

1 Corinthians 15:20 (NCV)

NKJ V (New King James Version)
NCV (New Century Version)

NIV (New International Version)
NLT (New Living Translation)

LOVE: That can _____ me now.

The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.

Romans 8:11 (NLT)

Discussion Questions

1. If you are a Christ-follower, share how you came to faith in Jesus. How did you hear about him? What were your circumstances when you came to faith in him? What made you decide to say yes to His invitation to "Come and See?"
2. Share a story from the past couple of years that has given you hope. What was that hope based on? What are you hoping for in the future? Can Jesus be the hope you're looking for?
3. Who in your circle of family and friends exhibits extraordinary love? How have you personally experienced love through that person? How can Jesus' model of love inspire you to love others in the way that he did?

Recommended Resources

- *The Problem of Jesus*, by Mark Clark
- *Jesus: The God Who Knows Your Name*, by Max Lucado
- *When Christ Comes*, by Max Lucado
- *The Case for Christ*, Lee Strobel
- *The Resurrection of the Son of God*, by N.T. Wright

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