

The 6 Prayers Your Heart Needs This Easter

By Lysa TerKeurst

“The angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: “He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.” Now I have told you.’”

Matthew 28:5-7

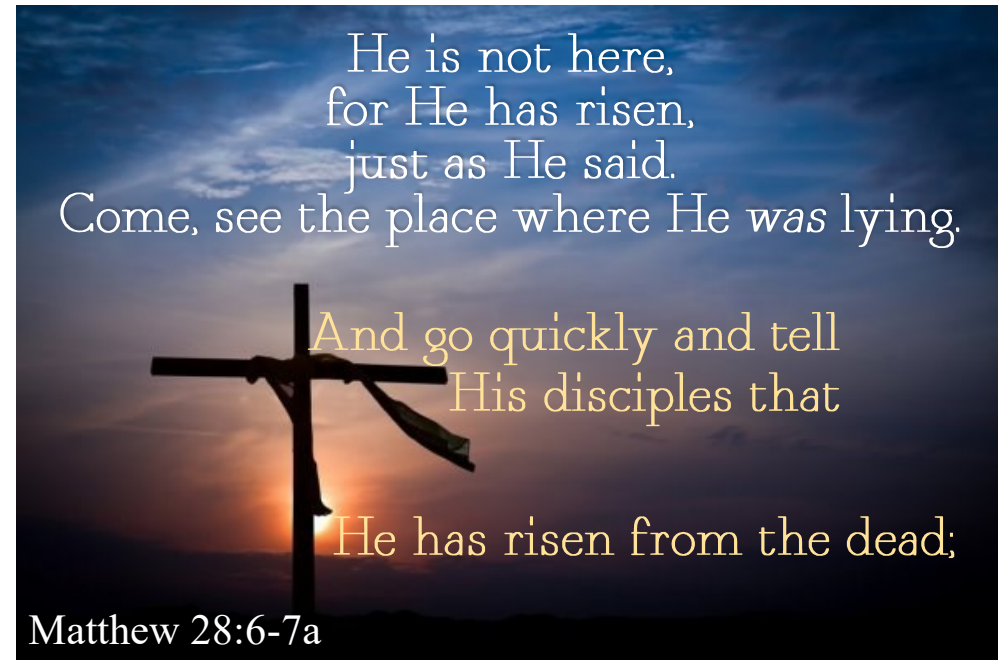
This year, I want to let the reality of Easter reach beyond just one Sunday. I desperately need the truth of Jesus' sacrifice to settle in to the deepest places of my heart. I don't know what hard realities you've been facing lately, but I have a suspicion that maybe you can relate to this same s e n s e o f d e s p e r a t i o n . I know what glorious things this Holy Day says to the world at large. But what does Jesus want me to know, to think about, to wrestle through at this time of year? This season of new beginnings. Of resurrection. Of healing. After all, Easter is no longer a ritual to me. It's a revelation. A time where Jesus splits my soul along the fault line of a scar deep within to bring dead things alive. Places where there's been a wounding but not yet a full healing. Places where I'm not living fully alive in Christ. But first, I must take time to ask Jesus to reveal what needs to be r e s u r r e c t e d w i t h i n m y h e a r t t h i s y e a r . Is it a more passionate intentionality to replace complacency that can so easily creep in to my Scripture study and prayer time? Is it a deeper sense of trust in God to replace fear that holds me back and sometimes holds me hostage? Is it forgiving someone who's hurt me deeply but has never recognized they did so? This is why I must look to Jesus. Because to Jesus ... I was loved so much that He gave His life for me. It feels so personal. Even though I know God so loved the world that He gave His Son, it becomes very individual if we let it. Be personal. With Jesus. Yes. So, let's take a moment to sit with Him. I keep my Bible open to the place where the angel spoke to the women at the tomb. And I tangle my thoughts around His words from Matthew 28:5-7, as these 6 prayers emerge ...

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH BELEN

Pastor David Guerrero . Pastor Ernest Sanchez

April 4, 2021



Welcome to Church!

If you are a first time visitor, please fill out a "Connect Card" and visit our Connection Desk. We would love an opportunity to get to know you better and encourage you in your spiritual walk, as well as answer any questions! Contact Information for our Pastoral and Office Staff is provided on our website at www.fcbelen.net, or you may call us at 864-8621.

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- *Do not be afraid.* Dear God I hand over to You those things that make me so afraid. Resurrect the parts of my faith that are squelched by fear.
- *I know that you are looking for Jesus.* God, when my soul is searching, may I know that the answer to every longing is found in You.
- *He has risen.* God, the fact that Jesus is risen should lift my head, my heart and my attitude. Help me live today as if I really believe this with every part of my life.
- *Just as He said.* Dear Jesus, You keep Your promises. Show me how to live as though I believe that with every part of me. Help me trust You more and resemble You more.
- *Come and see.* Jesus, You had the angels invite the women in to see for themselves that You had risen. You invite me into these personal revelations everyday. Forgive me for sometimes rushing about and forgetting to come and see for myself...You. Your Word. Your insights.
- *Then go quickly and tell His disciples.* Jesus, I don't want to be a secret - keeper with my faith. I want to be a bold and gracious truth - proclaimer. For You. With You. Because of You.

Yes. Let this miraculous Easter be personal, prayerful, powerful for our hearts.

Young Adults: Will Not Meet This Week - Enjoy being with your families.

Ladies Bible Study: Tuesday, April 6th - 9:15 a.m. - Faith Building

Wednesday Night Activities: Come Join Us! Adult Bible Study - Youth - Deaf Fellowship - Bible Study - Children's Ministry

Saturday, April 10th: Prayer Breakfast for **all** followed by Mission Kids jump rope making and Ladies Craft Day. (Ladies bring your own crafts or join the Mission Kids in jump rope making.)

Deacons Meeting: Sunday, April 11th - Following the Worship Service

Sermon Notes and Children's Bulletins are available at the Connection Center Desk.



Ladies Tea

Saturday, May 8th
9:30 - 11:00 a.m. in the MAC
Details coming soon.

Men's Smoke - Off

Saturday, May 22nd - Sunday, May 23rd
Behind the MAC - Bring Your Own Smoker
The Church will provide the meat. **Sign up** at the CC Desk.

Church Office Hours

Monday: Closed. . Tuesday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm . Friday: Closed

The mission moves forward

Annie Armstrong Offering Concludes Today

Across North America there are 366 million people. It's a daunting challenge to reach such a diverse mission field of cultures, languages & religions. Against all odds, they continue to move forward in their gospel mission & see lives transformed.

The Church Office will be closed
Monday, April 5th
in Celebration of Easter.

I Am the Resurrection and the Life.

He who believes in me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.

John 11:25-26

Deacons of the Week:
Deck Goodman
Red Flett

Safety Team - April 11th:
Terrence Bock
Jeremy Bock
Cindy Tinnin

Activities for the Week

Sunday - April 4th

Spanish Bible Study - 9:00 a.m.
Bible Study - 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.

Monday - April 5th

Church Office Closed

Tuesday - April 6th

Ladies Bible Study - 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday - April 7th

Deaf Fellowship - 5:30 p.m.
Adult Bible Study
Children's Ministry
Choir Practice
Rooted Youth
6:00 p.m.

Thursday - April 8th

Friday - April 9th

Saturday - April 10th

Prayer - 8:00 a.m.
Mission Kids/Ladies Crafts
9:30 a.m.