

# TALK IT OVER

Easter

## BOTTOM LINE

We are good at giving birth, but only God can resurrect.

## CONVERSATION STARTER

Have you ever had your picture taken with the Easter bunny? If so, when? OR what is the worst outfit you ever had to wear at Easter?

## THINGS TO CONSIDER

*What did you hear?*

*What do you think?*

*What will you do?*

## RESOURCES

- The Daily: [newpointe.org/thedaily](http://newpointe.org/thedaily)
- [The Resurrection of Jesus](#) by Andy Stanley (2.48 min.)

## VERSES AND QUOTES

*When Jesus arrived at Bethany, he was told that Lazarus had already been in his grave for four days. ... Jesus told her (Martha), "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?" ... When Mary arrived and saw Jesus, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died."*

*When Jesus saw her weeping and saw the other people wailing with her, a deep anger welled up within him, and he was deeply troubled. ... Jesus was still angry as he arrived at the tomb, a cave with a stone rolled across its entrance. "Roll the stone aside," Jesus told them. But Martha, the dead man's sister, protested, "Lord, he has been dead for four days. The smell will be terrible." Jesus responded, "Didn't I tell you that you would see God's glory if you believe?" So they rolled the stone aside. ... Then Jesus shouted, "Lazarus, come out!!"*  
John 11:17-43 NLT (selected verses)

"Easter is not just about something that happened to **Jesus Christ** 2,000 years ago. It is about what God still does today – because here is the truth: We can give birth to many things in life, but when they die, only God can resurrect them."

– Dwight Mason

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In the story of Lazarus, with whom do you most identify right now? Martha, Mary, the people in the crowd, or Lazarus? Why? Have you experienced an only-God resurrection in your life of something that was dead? What can you share that would encourage others in a comparable situation? What is the difference between believing and trusting? Jesus' own resurrection was a declaration that God has authority over all kinds of death. What is something that feels dead in your life that God needs to resurrect? Is there anything you have buried that God might be wanting to bring to life? You can get very comfortable managing something that is dead. Discuss. It takes YOUR obedience to roll away the stone. What might God be asking you to do? How can you encourage someone who desperately needs new life?

## ACTION STEP

I know that God is the God of resurrection and new life. I will roll away the stone in this dead area of my life: \_\_\_\_\_ I will obey/roll away the stone by \_\_\_\_\_