

# TALK IT OVER

The Significance of Easter

## BOTTOM LINE

Easter is significant because it proves that God is personal and loves us.

## CONVERSATION STARTER

Easter Favorites: Peeps or jellybeans? Plastic eggs or real? Lamb or ham? Best tradition?

## 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)

[Why Easter Is Still Relevant](#) by  
Andy Stanley (20 min.)

## KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

*He is the God who made the world and everything in it ... From one man he created all the nations throughout the whole earth. He decided beforehand when they should rise and fall, and he determined their boundaries. His purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him – though he is not far from any one of us. For in him we live and move and exist. As some of your own poets have said, “We are his offspring.” And since this is true, we shouldn’t think of God as an idol designed by craftsmen from gold or silver or stone. God overlooked people’s ignorance about these things in earlier times, but now he commands everyone everywhere to repent of their sins and turn to him. For he has set a day for judging the world with justice by the man he has appointed, and he proved to everyone who this is by raising him from the dead. Acts 17:24a, 26-31 NLT*

*... God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation. 1 Peter 1:3 NLT*

“God has done something new in the world – for the world. He proved it by raising this man Jesus, His Son, from the dead.” – Dwight Mason

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Christianity is not launched by the Bible, but by the resurrection. There would be no Christianity or Church without the resurrection. Is that a new thought for you? When did Jesus being a personal God become real to you? How does it change your life and confidence? Paul’s point with these people is that God is not just another god with another altar. He came to replace all the gods and the altars. How do people today try to “add on” instead of replace? How do you witness “idol worship”? The missing piece in everyone’s life is a PERSON: Jesus. Why is it so easy to slip and turn that into knowledge, performance, rules, or something else, even after we know truth? The God of the Universe is a giver, not a taker. He doesn’t need anything. Discuss. God created us to seek Him. When did you realize that for yourself? Paul wasn’t talking about sin – he was talking about repenting – changing their minds. How is changing your mind actually the center of new life in Christ? What’s your Easter story?

## ACTION STEP

I will live in the power of the resurrection. Because Jesus is alive, I will live with great expectation. I will live and love in a way that these people will also be drawn to change their minds and have true life in Jesus.

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