EASTER TRUTHS
That Eliminate My Fears

The angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid! **Matthew 23:5**

God gives the command, *"Do not be afraid,"* _____ times in the Bible.

God lets us know that the antidote to fear isn't _____, it is _____.

Truth #1 – Jesus is who _____, and there is _____.

This good news is about God's Son, who is Jesus Christ, our Lord. Jesus was born as a human baby from King David's family. But after Jesus died on the cross, God's Holy Spirit raised him to make him alive again. In that way God showed clearly that Jesus was his powerful Son. **Romans 1;4** EASY

After His great suffering and vindication, He showed His apostles that He was alive—appearing to them repeatedly over a period of 40 days, giving them many convincing proofs of His resurrection. … **Acts 1:3b** VOICE

King Agrippa! I can speak to you with all boldness, because you know about these things. I am sure that you have taken notice of every one of them, for this thing has not happened hidden away in a corner. **Acts 26;26** GNB

Truth #2 – Jesus can help me _____ any _____, and there is proof.

I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power [20] that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. **Ephesians 1:19, 20** NLT

Here's a statement worthy of trust: Jesus the Anointed, the Liberating King, came into the world to save sinners, and I am the worst of them all. [16] But it is for this reason I was given mercy: by displaying His perfect patience in me, the very worst of all sinners, Jesus the Anointed could show that patience to all who would believe in Him and gain eternal life. **1 Timothy 15, 16** VOICE

Truth #3 – Jesus wants me to _____ His _____, and there is proof.

God wants everyone to be saved and to know the whole truth, which is,[5] There is only one God, and Christ Jesus is the only one who can bring us to God. Jesus was truly human, and he gave himself to rescue all of us. **1 Timothy 2;4-5** CEV

Now the Lord is not slow about enacting His promise—slow is how some people want to characterize it—no, He is not slow but patient and merciful to you, not wanting anyone to be destroyed, but wanting everyone to turn away from following his own path and to turn toward God's. **2 Peter 3:9** VOICE

- **God allows the _____ to suffer, so that the _____ can be saved.**

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all time, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; [19]…He also went and made proclamation to the spirits in prison, [20] who once were disobedient when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water [21] Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ… **1 Peter 3:18-21** NASV

Truth #4 – _____ is not the _____, and there is proof.

It is written in the Scriptures, "I believed, so I spoke."[a] Our faith is like this, too. We believe, and so we speak. [14]God raised the Lord Jesus from the dead, and we know that God will also raise us with Jesus. God will bring us together with you, and we will stand before him. **2 Corinthians 4:13, 14** NCV

It is in the plan that all men die once. After that, they will stand before God and be judged. **Hebrews 9:27** NLV

Our firm decision is to work from this focused center: One man died for everyone. That puts everyone in the same boat. He included everyone in his death so that everyone could also be included in his life, a resurrection life, a far better life than people ever lived on their own. **2 Corinthias 5:14, 15** MP

Additional Notes:

Reflecting on today's message…

What touched my heart?

What is God asking me to do?

What should I change this week?

Who else needs to hear this message?