

The Purpose Of Easter
#SermonEaster
Easter Sunday
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Acts 1:3a For forty days after Jesus had suffered and died, he proved in many ways that he had been raised from death... (CEV)

Nine Reasons For The Death And Resurrection

1. TO PROVE JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD

Romans 1:4 By being raised from the dead he was proved to be the mighty Son of God... (LB)

2. TO PAY FOR OUR SINS

Ephesians 1:7 Through the blood of his Son, we are set free from our sins. God forgives our failures because of his overflowing kindness. (GW)

3. TO MAKE US ACCEPTABLE TO GOD

Romans 4:25 God gave Jesus to die for our sins, and he raised him to life, so that we would be made acceptable to God. (CEV)

Romans 3:22 God says he will accept and acquit us--declare us "not guilty"--if we trust Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in this same way, by coming to Christ, no matter who we are or what we have been like. (LB)

4. TO SAVE US BY GOD'S GRACE

Ephesians 2:8-9 God saved you through faith as an act of kindness. You had nothing to do with it. Being saved is a gift from God.⁹ It's not the result of anything you've done, so no one can brag about it. (GW)

Romans 8:3 We aren't saved from sin's grasp by knowing the commandments of God because we can't and don't keep them, but God put into effect a different plan to save us. He sent his own Son in a human body like ours--except that ours are sinful--and destroyed sin's control over us by giving himself as a sacrifice for our sins. (LB)

5. TO RELEASE US FROM JUDGMENT

John 5:24 ...those who hear my words and believe in him who sent me have eternal life. They will not be judged... (TEV)

Romans 8:1 So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.

(NLT)

6. TO REVEAL GOD'S PURPOSE

2 Corinthians 5:15 Christ died for all so that those who live would not continue to live for themselves. He died for them and was raised from the dead so that they would live for him. (NCV)

7. TO OFFER US A FRESH START

1 Peter 1:3b-4 Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, ⁴including a future in heaven – and the future starts now! (MSG)

1 Corinthians 1:30 ...a clean slate and a fresh start—comes from God by way of Jesus Christ. (MSG)

8. TO GIVE US ETERNAL LIFE

Romans 6:23 When people sin, they earn what sin pays—death. But God gives us a free gift—life forever in Christ Jesus our Lord. (NCV)

Romans 10:9 So you will be saved, if you honestly say, "Jesus is Lord," and if you believe with all your heart that God raised him from death. (CEV)

9. TO SHOW US GOD'S AMAZING LOVE

Romans 5:8 But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. (NLT)

Romans 6:9 ...when Jesus was raised from the dead it was a signal of the end of death-as-the-end. Never again will death have the last word. (MSG)