

Easter: What Is He Doing Now?

John 17

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I. What is Jesus doing _____?

A. Saving us much more by His _____ than His _____.

Romans 5:10

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. (ESV)

B. Jesus is _____ at the right hand of God.

Romans 8:33-34

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. (ESV)

II. What is Jesus _____ now?

A. Praying us _____.

John 17:9-11

I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. (ESV)

B. He is praying for our _____.

John 17:14-15

I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. (ESV)

1. _____.

2. _____.

C. _____ by the word of God.

John 17:17

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. (ESV)

D. Accomplish His _____.

John 17:18

Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. (ESV)

III. Salvations security: My _____ holds within the _____.

Hebrews 6:19

¹⁹We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain... (ESV)

Romans 8:38-39

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (ESV)

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Small Group Questions

*You do NOT have to answer or discuss every question. Feel free to just pick a few. These are meant to guide you in truth. If you are having trouble answering a question, ask your small group leader to help you. They are committed to helping you develop as an authentic follower of Christ.

The COMMUNITY:

1. What are some of the Easter traditions that your family observed growing up. Do you still carry on any of those traditions now that you are older or perhaps have a family of your own?

Into the WORD/APPLICATION:

Here are some suggested sites in order to dive deeper into God's Word: blueletterbible.org, desiringgod.org/articles/all, biblos.com, ccel.org, logos.com, connect.ligonier.org, thegospelcoalition.org/channel/bible-and-theology.

1. Pastor Shaun said his sermon on Sunday was based on the assumption that we knew the Easter story. Review it as a group. Why is Easter so important to our faith? See 1 Corinthians 15:12-20.

2. Read Romans 5:10 and 8:33-34. How is Jesus saving us more by his life now than by his death?

3. Read Romans 17:9-18. What is Jesus praying for us now? Read John 17:9-18

4. Read Romans 8:38-39. If we have trusted in Jesus for our only hope of salvation, how can we know that we are secure in this position?