

Episode One: The Origins of Easter

Bible Passages

- Matthew 26:36, 39, 42, 45–56
- John 15:13

You will need

- The video link and password
- The Ep 1 Quiz PPT

Total Times

- Recommended for 1 hour
- Episode 1 video is 7mins

1. INTRODUCTION

When we think about Easter, our minds turn to bunnies, eggs and lots of chocolate! But Easter is really a worldwide Christian festival, even more important to Christians than Christmas. So what is it Christians are actually celebrating? This episode explores the origins of Easter by going back to the very beginning and discovering Jesus' mission in coming to Earth. However, the rescue mission takes a strange turn when Jesus is arrested by Roman soldiers. Surely that wasn't part of the plan?!

2. ZOOM GAME

Lip Reader

Start by playing the lip-reading game. The leader is on mute and says a word, listed below, which the young people have to lip read; make sure to spotlight the leader. The young people can say their answers for the group to hear or put them into the chat function. Go through the list of words, and then ask the young people to work out what they all have in common. The answer is Easter.

If you wish, each leader can take a turn to say a word. Make sure you know beforehand which words each person has and what order you are doing them in. Remind each leader to mute themselves!

Word list: donkey, disciples, last supper, garden, pharisees, cross, tomb, risen, love, Jesus
Change these words according to the knowledge and ability of your group but keep them on the Easter theme!

3. PRE-VIDEO CHAT

- What words come to mind when you think about Easter?
- What do you enjoy about the Easter celebration?

4. READ THE BIBLE

It may be helpful to screen share the Bible passage for the young people to follow. The verses can be found at above and would recommend using Bible Gateway.

5. WATCH VIDEO

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6. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think people celebrate Easter?
2. What things did Jesus do while he was on earth that showed his love?
3. Peter did something surprising when Jesus was arrested, but Jesus did something even more surprising, what was it and why do you think Jesus did that?

7. QUIZ

Share the quiz on the screen and go through the questions and answers together. This can be done in two ways: either do it together and ask the young people to put their answers in the chat function at the side; or, go through the questions and the young people write down their answers on a sheet of paper. Then go through the answers together.

8. PRAY

If appropriate ask the young people if there is anything they would like you to pray for them. Pray for the young people. Thank God for the depth of his love that in his mercy he sent Jesus to fix our broken world and our friendship with him.



Episode Two: The Story of Good Friday

Bible Passages

- Matthew 26:36, 39, 42, 45-56
- John 15:13

You will need

- The video link and password
- The Ep 2 Quiz PPT

Total Times

- Recommended for 1 hour.
- Episode 2 video is 6mins

1. INTRODUCTION

"It's not fair!" are words we're all familiar with! We want fairness, justice. But possibly the most unfair thing ever to have happened took place on the very first Easter. Jesus was innocent; His friends, and even his opponents, knew that full well. And yet Jesus was sentenced to death by crucifixion - a terrible punishment. This episode explores the trial of Jesus for crimes He hadn't committed. What was to become of His mission? Had His amazing rescue plan failed?

2. ZOOM GAME

The Five Second Rule

Divide everyone into pairs. This can be written in the chat function at the side. If you have quite a big group, increase the number in each team. Each team takes a turn in having five seconds to give three answers to a topic e.g. name three citrus fruits or three things worn on the head. If they manage to call out three things in that time, they get a point, and it moves onto the next team with a new category. If they don't get three things, the next team has a go on the same category, but they can't use any of the words already said by the previous team. If they come up with three things they get a point. If none of the teams complete the category, no points are scored and the first team goes again with a new category. Count up the scores and those who get the least points... win!! This is to highlight the idea that it isn't fair!

3. PRE-VIDEO CHAT

- What things make you complain 'It's not fair!'?

4. READ THE BIBLE

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5. WATCH VIDEO

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6. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think Jesus allowed Himself to be taken to an unfair trial which would end in such a horrible death?
2. Jesus prayed to God as he was dying. What did He say and what do you think about these words?
3. Why do you think some people hated Jesus and some loved Him?

7. QUIZ

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8. PRAY

If appropriate ask the young people if there is anything they would like you to pray for them. Pray for the young people. Thank Jesus for His incredible love and forgiveness, that he would die in our place and take the punishment for all the wrong we have done so that we can be friends again with God.



Episode Three: The Meaning of The Resurrection

Bible Passage

- Matthew 26:36, 39, 42, 45–56
- John 15:13

You will need

- The video link and password
- The Ep 3 Quiz PPT

Total Times

- Recommended for 1 hour.
- Episode 3 is 6mins

1. INTRODUCTION

Jesus is dead, and buried in a tomb. An enormous stone and Roman soldiers guard the entrance. But when some of His followers visit the tomb one early morning, something astonishing unfolds. The stone is rolled away, the soldiers gone; an earthquake, angels, and an amazing message! We don't all like surprises, but for Christians, this surprise at the heart of Easter, is the best news the world has ever heard! This final episode explores the resurrection of Jesus and what it means for Christians today.

2. ZOOM GAME

What happens next?

The link below is a game of What Happens Next? There are video clips shown and each one gives three options of what happens next. The young people have to choose A, B or C before being shown the rest of the clip. Pause the video to read the options and give a moment for the young people to choose one. You could suggest they put their choice in the chat function.

[youtube.com/watch?v=W5ExZGQ9hel](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W5ExZGQ9hel)

3. PRE-VIDEO CHAT

– What is the best surprise you have ever had?

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6. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How do you think Jesus' friends felt when they met Jesus (alive again!) face to face?
2. Darren quoted four things from the book of Revelation that won't be in heaven. What were they? (Look up Revelation 21:4)
3. What question would you ask Jesus if you saw him in person today?
4. Why do you think the Resurrection is described as a game changer?
5. What was your favourite part of NUA:Easter?

7. QUIZ

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8. PRAY

If appropriate ask the young people if there is anything they would like prayer for. Is there a friend they would like to share the good news of Jesus with for whom you could pray? Pray for the young people. Thank God for the hope we have in Jesus, the forgiveness we find in Him and the promise of new life today and forever.