**Part 5 – Why Jesus?**

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**What does a Christian believe about Easter?**

**We believe what is most important.**

**1 Corinthians 15:2-7**

**I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said.**

* **Jesus died for your sins on the cross.**
* **Jesus was buried in an actual grave because he was dead.**
* **Jesus physically rose from the grave to everlasting life.**

**Romans 10:8-11**

**New International Version**

 **“The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**

**For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.”**

**What does a new life in Christ look like?**

**I die daily to sin and self.**

**Romans 6:1-4**

**Should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death?**

**For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.**

**Galatians 2:20**

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**I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.**

**I live my life for Jesus.**

**Mark 8:34**

 **If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me.**

**I become zealous for good works.**

**James 2:19-20**

**You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. How foolish! Can’t you see that faith without good deeds is useless?**

**Ephesians 2:8-11**

**For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.**

**James 2:26**

**Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works.**

**Titus 2:14**

**He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, zealous for good works.**

**I look forward to heaven.**

**1 Corinthians 15:14-20**

**If Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless. And we apostles would all be lying about God—for we have said that God raised Christ from the grave. But that can’t be true if there is no resurrection of the dead.**

**And if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins.**

**In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost! And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world.**

**But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died.**

**1 John 5:11-12**

**This is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.**