



Easter 2017 – Priceless

Announcements

- **Step Four – Small Group Life // Sunday, April 23rd at 12:45pm //** Discover how to grow in your relationship with God and others. Register at ChurchoftheKing.com/growthtrack.
- **Small Group Semesters**
 - Spring Small Group Semester break is **May 13–June 3**.
 - Summer Small Group Semester is **June 4–August 12**
- **Vacation Bible School (VBS) // ALL Campuses in June //** Make a difference in the lives of hundreds of kids this summer. Serve at VBS. Go to ChurchoftheKing.com/vbs to find out how.

Warm-up

Share any Easter traditions you experienced as a child or one you've established in recent years.

During this Easter season, we explore how and why Jesus paid such a costly price for you and me – a price we could never pay ourselves.

Word and Application

On the cross, Jesus said, “It is finished.” What do you think Jesus was referring to when he made this statement?

God's salvation plan was finished that day and it is finished today, *right now*. It's a done deal, the price is paid and the work is complete. Take a moment and share what this means to you, personally.

Read Matthew 28: 1-6

When the women showed up to the tomb, an angel rolled away the stone and spoke to them.

What was it that the angel discussed with them? What's the significance behind the angel's message?

Get this! The stone was *not* rolled away to let Jesus out. The stone was rolled away to show them Jesus had already risen! It is also our invitation to come and see what our God has accomplished through His Son Jesus. It is an invitation to draw close to God so we don't have to try to figure it out. With this in mind, let's examine what we see when we look into the tomb.

What do we see when we look in the tomb?

1. **Jesus is alive.**

Read Matthew 28:6, Acts 3:15 and 1 Corinthians 15:3-8

Something powerful happened that morning at the tomb that gives us comfort in knowing Jesus walks with us throughout our daily life and intervenes on our behalf before God. How is the reality of the ever presence of Jesus in your life a comfort? What recent thing has God provided you the peace and comfort to overcome?

2. **God has done it all.**

A relationship with God is not about working and trying harder to do something that Jesus has already accomplished on the cross. God did not require that anyone but Jesus bare our sin. *Grace is God's riches at Christ's expense.* In your own words, how would you define *grace*? Explain how the grace of God has given us rest from having to work to get to God.

Read Ezekiel 36:25-26. What's the significance behind this promise from God? How does this apply to you personally?

3. **We have a new identity.**

Through the cross, God made you new. He did it all for you because you are priceless in His eyes.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. As new creatures in Christ, share some examples of the old things that no longer define you. What is the eternal meaning behind Jesus' empty tomb?

What are some *old things* God wants you to leave in the past (e.g., insecurities, fears, past wrongs, etc.)? As followers of Jesus, our old self, along with the old things, were buried in the tomb forever. Take time this week declaring the good and new identity you have in Jesus Christ.

Prayer

Thank God for doing for us what we could not do in our own strength. Ask God to help you see the fullness of what He accomplished on the cross from His perspective so you can walk in all that we inherit from Jesus. Pray for the specific needs of the group.