

Easter Sunday—April 4, 2010
The Church of the Living God
I Timothy 2:3-6; 3:14-16

Easter Sunday is Resurrection Sunday

1. **What is *Easter*?**
 - a. **The meaning of *Easter* is that Jesus Christ rose from the dead and won victory over death. His resurrection symbolizes the eternal life that is granted to all who believe in Him.**
 - b. **Facts about *Easter*.**
 - ◆ Time of the Passover
 - ◆ Jesus fulfills God's plan and Biblical prophecy to be the true and final Passover Lamb.
 - ◆ At the Last Supper, Jesus institutes the New Covenant.
 - ◆ Jesus is arrested, tried, and crucified.
 - ◆ Jesus rises from the dead and confirms His true identity.
2. ***Easter* is about Jesus.**
 - a. **I Timothy 2:3-6**

“This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one Mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time.”

 - 1) There is one God.
 - 2) There is one Savior.
 - 3) There is one Mediator.
 - b. **I Timothy 3:16**

“By common confession, great is the mystery of godliness:
He who was revealed in the flesh, (His preexistence and birth in Bethlehem)
Was vindicated in the Spirit, (the resurrection verified who He truly is)
Seen by angels, (they are constantly with Him, at the cradle and the tomb)
Proclaimed among the nations, (a worldwide message)
Believed on in the world, (by faith in His sacrifice for sin)
Taken up in glory.” (ascension, where He reigns on High)
3. ***Easter* is telling others about Jesus. I Tim. 3:14, 15 & 16**

“I am writing these things to you, hoping to come to you before long; But in case I am delayed, I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.”

 - a. The church is God's household.
 - b. The Church exists to protect and promote the truth.
 - c. The Church is to carry the message of salvation in Christ to the nations.
4. **How does *Easter* relate to me?**
 - a. **Receive Him**
 - b. **Remember Him**
 - c. **Rejoice in Him**