

How did you celebrate Easter as a kid?

Read John 2:19-22

How do you think people who heard Jesus felt about what he said about the temple? Why would Jesus use such mysterious and confusing language?

Read Acts 4:33 and notice the word "resurrection." It is a translation of the Greek word "anastasis."

"Anastasis" means "up rising."

What comes to your mind with an "uprising?"

How is Jesus' life and resurrection an "uprising?"

Read Psalm 82:3; Isaiah 1:17; Malachi 3:5; Romans 8:21 and note the characteristics of Jesus' kingdom.

How does the metaphor of "death to life" describe what happens to us as we follow Jesus?

Read Luke 5:37, Romans 6:4, 1 John 2:6

What things may need to die in our personal lives in order to live like Jesus? What things may need to die in the systems of our government, religion, etc in order for God's kingdom to be reflected?

Read John 18:36

What words does Jesus use in describing his kingdom? What is the difference between Jesus' kingdom and the world's government/kingdom? What does that difference say about our own thinking and living?

Read John 20:21

If Jesus is sending us like the Father sent him, how should we live? What should we be doing? What should be our worldview? How does Jesus' "uprising" continue?

Have a great day and enjoy all of that chocolate!