

⁹ 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.

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Jesus' command to "Make Disciples of all nations". It was all over & done. Even worse, if Jesus lied about being resurrected, that put everything else that He said into question, causing us to doubt everything that he said.

We said that's why so many people have tried for so many years to disprove Jesus' resurrection. After being warned by the Jewish leaders what would happen if Jesus' body were stolen, the Romans did everything possible to keep that from happening. Once the tomb was found to be empty, they actually sent armies out across the land to find His body and disprove the resurrection claim.

Of course, the Disciples were too much in fear for their own lives to try to steal Jesus' body, even if they could do it. Over the years, the more people tried to disprove the resurrection, the more they proved it.

But, that is just one part of why Easter Sunday is the most important event in the history of the world.

Even more important than their being no Christians, without the resurrection of Jesus, there would be no salvation. Without salvation, there can be no relationship with God and there can be no eternity in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Without the resurrection, we would still be slaves to The Law, never being "good enough" to be righteous before God and never being in a close personal relationship with Him through Jesus Christ. We would still be living separated from God.

The resurrection of Jesus shows us that Jesus is exactly who He claimed to be. It validated everything He said as true. It showed God's absolute power over life and death. It showed that our debt was paid and accepted. It opened the gateway for each of us to enter into Heaven.

Okay, that's all well and good for Christians but, why would this be the single most important event in the history of the world for Non-Christians as well?

We said to imagine that when Adam and Eve chose to believe Satan rather than God, **ALL of mankind** was suddenly placed into an extremely large "**Escape Room**" with only one choice to make. That single choice can either lead to eternal suffering or it could lead to eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven.

We said that this escape room puzzle was actually very

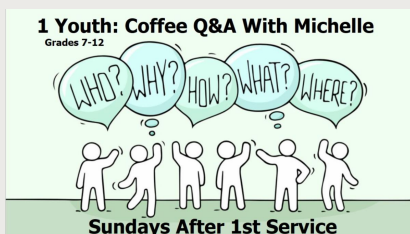
easy to solve because the key to escape can be found in **Romans 10:9**.

So, on this day, we truly do celebrate the most important day in the history of the world. We celebrate the day that God freely gave **ALL of mankind**, each and every one of us, the key to being free from the slavery of sin and the ability for every one of us to have eternal life, in a close personal relationship with Him, just as we were created to be. **However, the choice whether to actually use that key is completely ours to make.**

Now That's something worth celebrating!

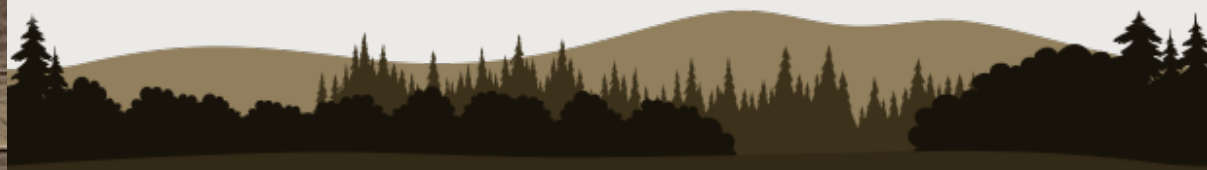
New Youth Game Room

The games have all been moved, along with some great new ones, into the annex (down the hall past Pastor Jeff's office). Come check it out before or after service!



Coffee Q&A with Michelle after 1st service **Sunday!**

Join us in the Youth Room every **Sunday**, after 1st service, for refreshments in a casual atmosphere for an opportunity for you and your friends to ask questions and discuss answers to your most pressing questions about God, Jesus, the Bible, other Religions, Christianity, or just about Life in general.



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