

Empty

- Do you have any unique Easter traditions?
- **Empty: Have you ever run out of something at an inconvenient/embarrassing time? (gas, food, money, etc.)**

Easter is a celebration of the reason for our faith, Jesus' resurrection. Without Jesus coming back from the dead, there is no Christianity. While "empty" can normally be seen as a bad thing, it can be said that Easter is really a celebration of "Empty." One of the ways, is that we celebrate that Jesus **emptied** Himself.

Read *Philippians 2:5-8*

- **How did Jesus empty Himself in His incarnation? How did Jesus empty Himself in His crucifixion?**
- **Following Jesus example, what does it look like for us to empty ourselves?**

The Empty tomb we celebrate on Easter is a reminder of Jesus' power over death. Jesus' resurrection also changes things for those who follow Him.

Read *1 Corinthians 6:14 and Romans 8:11*

- **Jesus' resurrection also means that, for those who follow Jesus, death is not the end of our story. How should that truth change the way we live today?**
- **The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead, now dwells within us. How does the Holy Spirit change us?**

Read *Luke 24:1-11*

- **The disciples failed to believe what they are told about Jesus' power, even though they had seen and experienced God's power before. In what ways do you seem to forget God's ability in your own life?**
- **Even though we celebrate Jesus being raised from the dead, why does Jesus command us to remember His sacrifice through the Lord's supper? What do you think about as you partake the Lord's supper?**

Read *Philippians 4:7*

- **Even though we follow Jesus, there will be days where we feel empty. What does it mean to have peace in spite of our circumstances and in moments where we feel empty?**