

4-17-22 Facilitator - Easter Acts 2:22-28,31-32, Tim Rice

1. **Launcher** – What do you personally expect about death?

2. **Worship: Praise the Lord!**

Read Psalm 148 Praise the Lord! Or Enjoy - A Thousand Hallelujahs, Brooke Ligertword - <https://open.spotify.com/track/3iJpkw9KKdzMNZQVrdRzsl?si=c3708f8a8f1c4cfa>

3. **Sermon Reflection: Acts 2:22-28, 31-32 Easter**

JESUS' CERTAIN DEATH

- Why does the death of Jesus matter just as much as His resurrection?
- If you're not a Christian, how do you think about Jesus' death?
- *As a believer, how are you (paradoxically) comforted by it?*

HIS MIRACULOUS RESURRECTION

- What changes in the narrative if God is real and HE is at work?
- Where Adam failed, *Jesus succeeded*;
what Adam *wrecked*, *Jesus healed*.
And His resurrection is the spark,
infection or down payment for all who trust Him.
 - How does this hope eclipse every other hope, every other offer?

THE MOST HOPEFUL OUTCOMES

- If we trust Jesus in this, how does this secure our hope and change our narrative?
- What difference does the resurrection of Jesus make in you view of life and death, your today and your forever?

4. **Kingdom Centered Prayer: YOU CAN PRAY WITH US...**

1. Worship the LORD for His all-surpassing power! Praise and adore Him, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit that He is mightier than our sin, death, and hell.
2. How have you lived fearfully because of death's power? Confess your helplessness to Jesus, asking Him to save you and forgive you – working power out of weakness, life out of death.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for how He has proven His power and trustworthiness. Thank Him for opening up access to God by His death, and for opening up eternity by His resurrection!
4. Who do you know that is shaken by the real power of death? Pray for them, asking the Lord to make Himself known to them in His resurrection power – and that He would give them hope as only He can.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you the fruit of joy, especially in light of Jesus' resurrection! Pray for such a confidence in His power and trustworthiness that you would joyfully bear witness to others of His story.

5. **Mission: Engage your friends with reflection questions - Life and Death, Hope and Eternity!**

Take a religious interest survey of your friends so that you might better understand, pray and engage with them about the Love of God for them in Jesus.

- How would you define death (and what can solve it)?
- How confident are you about your beliefs? Or how hopeful are you?
- How do you live *under fear or dread* as if evil has **not** been broken?
- And what would change if the hope of His victory were more truly yours?

6. **Jesus From Others**

- What do you love more about Jesus from what someone shared during our CG tonight?