



A FOUR-WEEK SERIES ON **EASTER**

Series Overview

Whether it's your favorite movie, book, or reality show, you know there's nothing like a good plot twist! Those storytelling surprises can keep us entertained, but they can do a lot more than that too. A good plot twist can make us rethink everything we thought we knew, see things in a brand new light, and get excited about what might happen next. That's never more true than in the most surprising and significant plot twist in history — Jesus's death and resurrection. In this four-week series, we'll look at four surprising stories from Jesus's death, resurrection, and last days on earth. These stories will show us that, when we've messed up or are ready to give up, **Jesus gives us life, gives us hope, is with us, and gives us another chance.**

Week 1

Scripture: John 19:1-30, 20:1-18; Psalm 51:9-10

Summary: When sin brings death, Jesus brings life.

Week 2

Scripture: John 20:19-23, 1 Peter 1:3-9; Ephesians 1:18

Summary: When all seems lost, Jesus is our hope.

Week 3

Scripture: Luke 24:13-35; Psalm 116:1-5, 139:7-10

Summary: When we feel alone, Jesus is present.

Week 4

Scripture: John 21:15-19; 1 Peter 2:23-25; Romans 6:11-14

Summary: When we mess up, Jesus gives us another chance.

Tip of the Month

At some point in your life, you've probably said or heard the phrase, "Don't be so emotional." But why? Emotions are natural and being afraid of them will never lead us to a better understanding of one another. So instead of trying to hide them, let's talk about what it looks like to normalize our emotions and help teenagers verbalize their own. Check out this short [parent tip video](#) for more.

Resource of the Month



Maybe you feel like you don't have all the words, but it's important to initiate our families into a culture and posture of prayer they can follow and maintain as they grow into adults. Check out [THIS SHORT](#), but insightful interview with Mark Batterson on the topic of praying with your family.

Question of the Month

We're always trying to better understand what it's like to raise a teenager. So here's what we're wondering: **What's the BEST thing about raising your teenager right now?** Hit reply on this email and let us know. And as always, please feel free to email us at students@menlo.church with anything else!