

A dramatic scene of a bright sun rising through a series of stone arches, with the word "EASTER" overlaid in large, golden letters. The sun is positioned in the center, creating a strong lens flare and illuminating the arches. The background shows a rocky landscape under a clear sky. The overall mood is hopeful and celebratory.

EASTER

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He is not here, but has risen. Remember how He told you, while He was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be **crucified** and on the third day **rise**.

Luke 24:6-7



EASTER

The Centrality of the Resurrection

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Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead,
how can some of you say that there is no
resurrection of the dead?

But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not
even Christ has been raised.

1 Corinthians 15:12-13

“

And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.

1 Corinthians 15:14-15

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For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has
been raised.

**And if Christ has not been raised,
your faith is futile
and you are still in your sins.**

1 Corinthians 15:16-17

“

**And if Christ has not been raised,
your faith is futile
and you are still in your sins.**

1 Corinthians 15:17

The Centrality of the Resurrection



- Executed out of necessity
- Known with conviction

“

As you come to Him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:4-5

“

For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a **cornerstone** chosen and precious, and whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame. "So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the **cornerstone,**"

1 Peter 2:6

“

Now great crowds accompanied Him, and He turned and said to them, "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.

Luke 14: 25-26

“

Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?

Luke 14: 27-28

“

Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'

Luke 14: 29-30

“

Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace.

Luke 14: 31-32

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So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce
all that he has cannot be My disciple.

Luke 14: 33

What our life looks like when
we address things many to few

(Putting other things before
Jesus)

sand=every day stuff

small balls=responsibilities

larger balls=people/relationships

largest ball=Jesus



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So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce
all that he has cannot be My disciple.

Luke 14: 33

Our life poured out and being
disciples fully following Jesus
as our foundation

(putting Him as our first
priority)



The Centrality of the Resurrection



- Executed out of necessity
- Known with conviction
- Prioritized in your life

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"Hear, O Israel:
The LORD our God,
the LORD is one.

You shall love the LORD your God with all your
heart and with all your soul and with all your
might.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

“

And these words that I command you today shall be
on your heart.

You shall teach them diligently to your children,
and shall talk of them when you sit in your house,
and when you walk by the way, and when you lie
down, and when you rise.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

“

You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 6:8-9

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- Prioritized in your life
- Permeate throughout your life

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"And when the LORD your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you--with great and good cities that you did not build,

Deuteronomy 6:10

“

and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant--and when you eat and are full, then take care lest you forget the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

Deuteronomy 6:11-12

“

**It is the LORD your God you shall fear. Him
you shall serve and by his name you shall
swear.**

Deuteronomy 6:13

“

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

John 15:7-8

“

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.

Abide in my love.

If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

John 15:9-10

“

These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

John 15:11-12

“

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay
down his life for his friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you.

John 15:13-14

“

No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

John 15:15

A change of mindset

Jesus:

Moving you from Servant
to Friend

A change of mindset

Jesus: Moving you from Servant
to Friend

Us: Move from a religion to a
relationship with Him

The Centrality of the Resurrection



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- Prioritized in your life
- Permeate throughout your life
- Intimate expression of your life

“

I love you Lord