

Sunday Morning Interactive
Middle & High School
4/12/20

-Scripture passages used are taken from the NIV

-Pastor Austin shows us that the hope of Easter is not only that Jesus rose from the dead, but also that those who have trusted in Him as their Savior and have died will one day rise again as well

-Pastor Austin points out the unique strategy that God used to win the victory over death. Jesus chose to demonstrate authority over both death and life by dying and coming to life again. Look up John 10:17-18 and fill in the blanks...

¹⁷The reason my Father loves me is that I _____ my _____—
only to _____ again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but
I lay it down of my own accord. I have _____ to lay it down and
_____ to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

-Since Jesus has power over both life and death, what do you think that means for his ability to handle all other things in your life and in the lives of others? _____

-We see examples in the Bible of death being referred to as sleep. This helps us to remember that death is not a permanent state for those who trust in Jesus.

-In the first two of the following examples, Jesus raises someone to life here on this earth.

-In the last example, the person who died is not raised to life immediately, but we know that when the end comes, he will be raised to life again with all other believers in Jesus.

-Lazarus

-In John 11:11-15, Jesus is talking to his disciples. Look up this passage and fill in the blanks...

¹¹After he had said this, he went on to tell them, “Our friend Lazarus has _____
_____ ; but I am going there to _____.”

¹²His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better." ¹³Jesus had been speaking of his _____, but his disciples thought he meant _____.

¹⁴So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, ¹⁵and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

-Jairus's daughter

-Look up Luke 8:49-56 and fill in the blanks...

⁴⁹While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is _____," he said. "Don't bother the teacher anymore."

⁵⁰Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, "Don't be _____; just _____, and she will be _____."

⁵¹When he arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not let anyone go in with him except Peter, John and James, and the child's father and mother. ⁵²Meanwhile, all the people were wailing and mourning for her. "Stop _____," Jesus said. "She is not _____ but _____."

⁵³They laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. ⁵⁴But he took her by the hand and said, "My child, get up!" ⁵⁵Her _____ returned, and at once she stood up. Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat. ⁵⁶Her parents were astonished, but he ordered them not to tell anyone what had happened.

-Stephen, who died for his faith

-Look up Acts 7:59-60 and fill in the blanks...

⁵⁹While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my _____."

⁶⁰Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he _____.

-Pastor Austin shares the analogy of the seeds

-You probably have seen maple tree seeds, called samaras, before

-They're usually referred to as helicopters because of their wing-like structure

-This is how other maple trees are able to grow

-Like a planted seed that turns into a tree and gives off seeds so other trees can grow, Jesus died and rose so that we can rise again too

-The next time you see a "helicopter" seed, remember Jesus' resurrection and the future resurrection of all believers in him

-Pastor Austin also talked about our current state of "Already but not yet"

-While we wait for things to be made perfect in the end, we are to actively wait and not waste the time we have been given

-God has great things for you to do

-We can be like Tabitha, who was "always _____
and _____ the _____." (Acts 9:36)

- We can be like Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who honored God in the face of adversity

-When a decree was published that no one should pray to anyone except King Darius, look up Daniel 6:10-11 to see what Daniel did...

¹⁰ Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and _____, giving _____

to his God, just as he had done before. ¹¹ Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking _____ for _____.

-Similarly, when a decree was announced that the people were to bow down and worship the image of gold when the music sounded, look up Daniel 3:12 to see how Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego responded...

¹² But there are some Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon—Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego—who pay no attention to you, Your Majesty. They _____ your _____ the _____ of _____ you have set up.”

-Pastor Austin leads us to think about Easter eggs in a different way than what we normally do

-He asks us what basket we are putting our eggs in; essentially what we are counting on to come through for us

-Is there anything in your life that you feel is taking too high of a priority? Is there something that you are trusting your life with more than you trust God with your life?

-Listen to “Find Rest”: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tVvgug14jOg>

-Here we are reminded of the one true source of our hope. What are some words of this song that resonate with you? _____

-Have a blessed Easter with your family!