

Easter Season

Read at least one of the resurrection accounts from the scripture chart below and discuss the included questions.

- What does this account tell us about Jesus?
- What can we learn from the disciples actions or reactions?
- What does this account teach us about the joy of Easter?
- If you can, read more than one and consider, how do these stories compare or differ?

The Appearances of the Risen Jesus				
Title	Gospel Reference			
	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Resurrection	28:1-18	16:1-8	24:1-12	20:1-10
The Ascension (Acts 1:4-12)				
Pentecost (Acts 2:1-11)				
To Mary Magdalene	28:9-10	16:9-11		20:11-18
The Disciples of Emmaus		16:12-13	24:13-35	
To the Disciples (Cenacle)				20:19-23
To the Apostles (Cenacle)		16:14	24:36-43	20:24-29
By the Lake of Tiberias				21:1-17
On a Hill in Galilee	28:16-20	16:15-18		
At Jerusalem			24:44-49	
The Ascension (Mount of Olives)		16:19-20	24:50-53	

How can you celebrate the Easter season?

- Bring your Lenten practice to fulfillment - keep the prayer time you built, but change it to something joyous for Easter - such as praying the Via Lucis instead of stations of the cross
- Replace your fasting with feasting, but make an Easter resolution like practicing Joy, Cheerfulness, etc. instead of fasting
- Brighten your home or prayer space with flowers and Easter/resurrection decor (crosses, empty tombs, etc.)
- Make a Paschal candle as a family -
 - decorate a white pillar candle DIY like this: <https://catholicallyear.com/blog/homemade-easter-candles-or-the-coronavirus-wins/>
 - or buy a premade kit like these ones: <https://holyheroes.com/products/paschal-candle-kit>
- Begin a Sunday practice that you can continue throughout the year, to recall that every Sunday is a mini Easter where we celebrate the Resurrection
- Check out these 50 ideas for how to celebrate the 50 days of Easter, including crafts and activities like resurrection gardens, egg/chick/lamb/empty tomb themed crafts, Easter themed prayers and decor, rock painting, themed snacks and recipes, and more! <https://www.catholicicing.com/50-days-of-easter/>