



1. "NOTHING" MATTERS

I. Easter is MUCH ADO ABOUT "NOTHING"

II. Easter says...

1) We have NOTHING TO HIDE

2) We have NOTHING TO FEAR

3) We have NOTHING TO LOSE



Truth doesn't take polls. Truth doesn't care how one votes. Truth doesn't change-LIKE IT OR NOT. In this series we will look at how the never-changing gospel can change the way we deal with reality.

FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Many would argue that only fools would believe in the resurrection of the dead. Others would contend that only a fool would ignore the evidence for the bodily resurrection of Jesus.
 - What does it take to convince you something is real?
 - How do people decide if something is true or false?
 - What types of things do you think they consider before deciding?
2. **EASTER IS *much ado about 'nothing'*** As far as the early disciples were concerned, nobody expected 'no body' when they went to the tomb. **READ Mark 16:1-8** What were they expecting to find when they got to the tomb? How do you think they felt when they saw the empty tomb?
3. No other world religion is grounded in an historical event that welcomes investigation like the Christian faith. No reasonable person denies the historicity of the life, death, and burial of Jesus of Nazareth but many deny his resurrection from the dead.
 - **READ 1 Corinthians 15:12-14** What are some of the reasons people deny the resurrection of Jesus? How do you respond when someone challenges the reality of the resurrection?

4. EASTER SAYS... We have nothing to hide.

God knows everything we do and God has always know what He was going to do about it. **READ 1 Corinthians 15:1-4.** Why do you think Paul took time to remind the Corinthians of the gospel in this chapter focusing on the resurrection? How crucial is the cross and the resurrection to the entire gospel story and how should it impact the way that we live?

5. EASTER SAYS... We have nothing to fear.

Fear can only be present when hope is absent. Maybe that's why one of the first things Jesus said after his resurrection was "Do not be afraid." **READ Romans 8:18** How does the resurrection of Jesus remind us that we have nothing to be afraid of? What specific situation do you need to look on with hope because of the resurrection of Jesus?

6. EASTER SAYS... We have nothing to lose

If we know we will live after we die we can be fully alive before we die. What we do today is important if we know there is a tomorrow. How is the resurrection framing your meaning and purpose in life right now?

7. Let's remember: **EASTER is more than a day. EASTER is a way to live every day.** We have nothing to hide, nothing to fear, and nothing to lose.

- **READ Romans 8:34-39** How does it make you feel knowing that 'nothing can separate you from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord'? What is one thing you can do to make sure that Easter is the way you live every day?