



NOT JUST
ANOTHER

*Long
Weekend*

For many people, Easter is just another long weekend. But the events of Easter represent the most wonderful act of love ever recorded. On the first Good Friday, Jesus the Son of God was crucified on a cross.



Then Pilate turned Jesus over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus away. Carrying the cross by himself, he went to the place called Place of the Skull (in Hebrew, *Golgotha*). There they nailed him to the cross...

John 19:16-18

The Roman officer and the other soldiers at the crucifixion were terrified by the earthquake and all that had happened. They said, "This man truly was the Son of God!"

Matthew 27:54



*And so Jesus died and was buried.
And on the third day, the tomb was
found empty by his followers.*



Very early on Sunday morning, just at sunrise, they went to the tomb. On the way they were asking each other, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” But as they arrived, they looked up and saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled aside. When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side. The women were shocked, but the angel said, “Don’t be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid his body. Now go and tell his disciples, including Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died.” The women fled from the tomb, trembling and bewildered, and they said nothing to anyone because they were too frightened.

Mark 16:2-8



*Many witnesses later walked
and talked with a living Jesus.
One of them was Peter who testified:*



But God knew what would happen, and his prearranged plan was carried out when Jesus was betrayed. With the help of lawless Gentiles, you nailed him to a cross and killed him. But God released him from the horrors of death and raised him back to life, for death could not keep him in its grip... God raised Jesus from the dead, and we are all witnesses of this.

Acts 2:23-24, 32



Jesus' life, death and resurrection was an expression of God's love. It was a love that climaxed with a drastic sacrifice so that we might find our way to God and live.



For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

John 3:16-17



*There is no greater love
than to lay down one's life
for one's friends.*

John 15:13



**EASTER IS A TIME TO REMEMBER THIS GREATEST OF ALL
SACRIFICES AND JESUS' TRIUMPHAL RESURRECTION.**

Dear God,

*Thank you for the wonderful gift of your son Jesus,
that we can celebrate the gift of new life through Jesus' death
and resurrection at Easter. Amen.*

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