

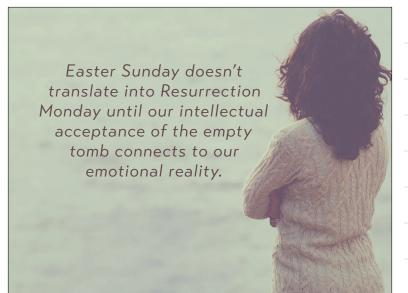
"If Jesus rose from the dead, nothing else matters. If Jesus didn't rise from the dead, nothing else matters."

"If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that he said.
If Jesus didn't rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what he said?"
TIM KELLER

JOHN 20:19-22

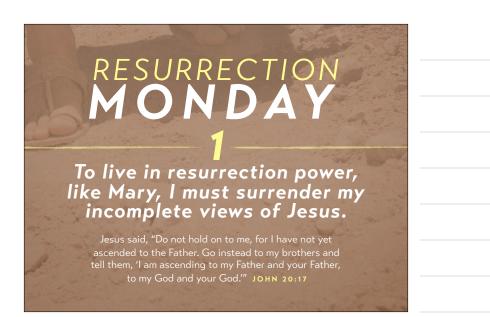
The disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus stood among them! "Peace be with you," he said. As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

IF THE RESURRECTION IS TRUE It proves once and for all that Jesus really was who he said he was: God in flesh ... Lord of life ... Savior of the world. It proves once and for all that Jesus can do what he said he could do: Forgive sin, cure disease, deliver the demonized, give abundance and in fact, grant eternal life.



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JOHN 20:22



SPIRITUAL CLINGINESS

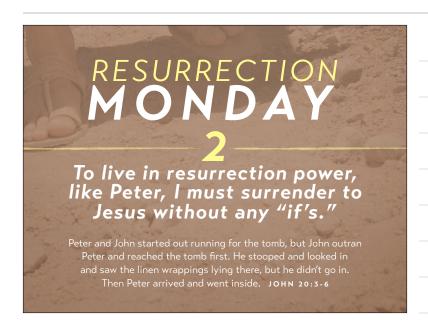
"hold onto" - hapto

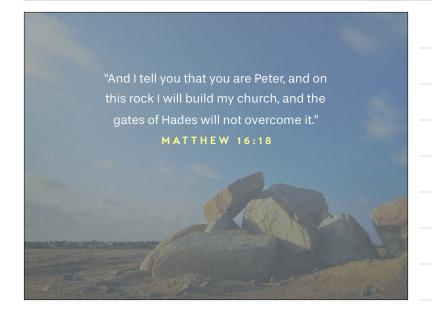
"To desperately cling." In the negative, literally, "stop doing what you always do and are doing again."

> "I'm returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God!"

Jesus is not just a Savior who rescues from past sins or a teacher who guides in present situations, he is the living Lord, who from his place of authority, is now our constant advocate, continual friend and ever-present help.







PETER'S RAW READINESS Peter was the first to get out of the boat —and actually walk on water. Peter was the first to go into the empty tomb —Ground Zero of the Christian faith. Peter was the first to preach a sermon —and 3,000 received Christ.

PETER'S PASSION

Peter pressed into Jesus with full expectancy of what could happen when raw readiness met with resurrection reality.

"Passion, though a bad regulator, is a powerful spring." RALPH WALDO EMERSON

To take Easter Sunday theology and make it **resurrection Monday reality...**

I've got to **eliminate any "if's"** with Jesus.

I've got to **be a bit bold**; daring to go so far as to be spiritually pushy.

I've got to **put myself out there**, even if I don't have it all together.

