

Numbers at the side correspond to the slide numbers

1 Easter 2007

Get someone to knock on the cupboard door. Shout, "Where is Jesus' body?"
Open door and find nothing. Turn to us, and ask, "Where is Jesus' body?"

2 We all say, "Jesus isn't dead, Jesus is alive!"

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3 Divide people into two sides. Perhaps give everyone something to wave, bash or rattle etc.

Leader: What's that you say?
People1: Jesus isn't dead!
People2: Jesus is alive!
Leader: But I thought Jesus was dead!
People1: Jesus isn't dead!
People2: Jesus is alive!
Leader: But Jesus was nailed to a cross!
People1: Jesus isn't dead!
People2: Jesus is alive!
Leader: But Jesus was buried in a tomb
People1: Jesus isn't dead!
People2: Jesus is alive!
Leader: But Jesus was dead for three whole days!
People1: Jesus isn't dead!
People2: Jesus is alive!
Leader: Surely Jesus is still dead!
People1: Jesus isn't dead!
People2: Jesus is alive!
Leader: Has Jesus defeated death? Yes!
People1: Jesus isn't dead!
People2: Jesus is alive!
Leader: That means there is hope for us all!
People1: Jesus isn't dead!
People2: Jesus is alive!
Leader: Let's all say it together...
People1: Jesus isn't dead!
People2: Jesus is alive!

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4 Today celebrate the fact that Jesus is risen from the dead!

Worship

Possible songs

Jesus died at Calvary – Causeway God's love is Great cassette side 2
Jesus has died for me and for you – Causeway JTSOIA No 9
You can be sure that Jesus is alive – Causeway JTSOIA No 17
God so loved the whole world Grapevine Promise Track 4
King of Kings Majesty – SH New songs 1999 Track 11
God's not dead He's alive – Sing Shout Clap – Last track

Recap

But on Good Friday we remember that He died a horrible death on the cross.

5 Jesus chose to die for us because He loves us

6 Jesus' death was for you and for me. This is not a made up story. This is real.

Break Bread

We are going to break bread, later and remember what happened that first Good Friday, and then celebrate the the fact that Jesus is alive – He came back to life!

Get folk to bring these items up to the front where you build a display. If they can read then get them to say the relevant bits, If not, say it for them.

7 1st person (a crown of thorns – made from a bramble)

I am bringing a crown of thorns. This is to help us to remember that Jesus is the King of everything. Even though He is the King He was willing to die on a cross for all of us.

8 2nd person (some nails – the larger the better)

I am bringing some nails. This is to help us remember that even though Jesus was nailed to the cross, he still was forgiving to the soldiers.

9 3rd person (dice) – the larger the better

I am bringing some dice. The soldiers played dice to decide who was going to get Jesus' clothes. This is to help us remember that Jesus had nothing when he went to the cross. Although He had nothing, He gave everything - he gave us His life!

10 4th person (A spear – we made one out of a bamboo cane, some cardboard and silver foil)

I am bringing a spear to remind us that Jesus really did die. He died because He loves us.

11 5th person (bread)

I am bringing some bread. This is to help us remember that Jesus died for us. It also reminds us that we are all part of the same body - the church.

12 6th person (wine)

I am bringing some wine. This is to help us remember that Jesus shed His blood for us. He was unselfish - He cared more for us than for Himself.

13 But Jesus came back to life! He did not stay dead

Illumina Video

We are going to watch a video of that first Easter morning

14 Break Bread

15 Conclusion

Briefly recap -

On Good Friday Jesus died on a cross. Jesus died because He wanted us to be forgiven from our sin. Jesus had **nothing** wrong. But Jesus' death was enough to pay the price for all the bad things that we have done.

On Easter Day, Jesus came back to life again! Jesus is more powerful than death! Jesus is more powerful than Sin, and Jesus is more powerful than the Devil.

Do you remember that in the Garden of Eden, the Devil spoilt it all? Well, Jesus was now putting it all back to together.

We can choose to believe that Jesus died for us, or we can choose to believe that this is just a story. If we do believe that Jesus died for us, and if we ask Jesus to be real to us, then we can be forgiven for all the bad things we have done, and we can be a true friend of Jesus.

Light the candle (This is one of those ones that relights itself!)

Talk about how Jesus' death was bad people trying to put out the light of Jesus – trying to destroy the goodness.

Blow out the candle.

As it relights, say that Jesus' power was MUCH greater than the darkness, much greater than the bad people, and Jesus came back to life. Jesus is much greater

than the bad things – the sad things – the unhappy things in our lives. He can bring light, and life and happiness if we ask Him.

16 Closing Prayer – with response:

Leader Thank you Jesus for your love to us

People Jesus is alive!

Leader Thank you Jesus for dying for us , so that we can be friends with you

People Jesus is alive!

Leader Thank you that you defeated death and came back to life again

People Jesus is alive!

Leader Help us to know you more, and learn to love you more

People Jesus is alive!

AMEN!

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