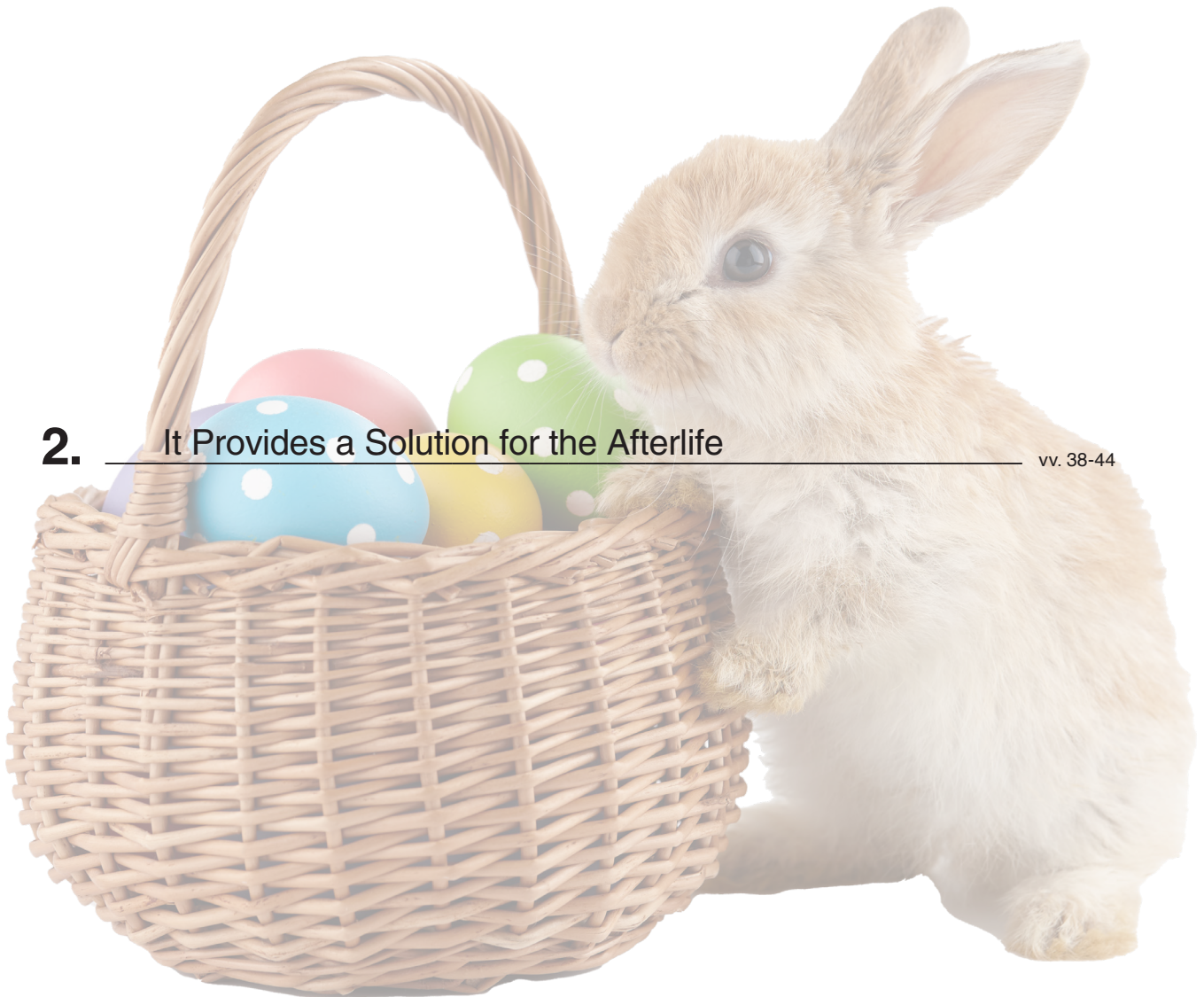


It's Easter Sunday!

“ Why the Resurrection is More than a Tradition ”

1. It Points to an Afterlife vv. 17-27

2. It Provides a Solution for the Afterlife vv. 38-44



Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life. **PCC uses the ESV (English Standard Version).**

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

To learn more or join a group, visit pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/ or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

Point #1

- Read John 11:17-27. How did Jesus use the death and resurrection of Lazarus to focus on the afterlife?
- In what way was it a self-fulfilling prophecy? How do you think Point #1 could challenge today's cultural mindset?
- How comfortable are you with the topic of death? Why? Why is this important not to avoid? Be specific.

Point #2

- Read John 11:38-44. In what way did the resurrection of Lazarus prove Easter and John 11:25-26?
- What happens to the Gospel if this doesn't remain central to faith? How does Point #2 relate to Easter?
- In what way should Christians celebrate Easter differently than non-Christians? How does this encourage you?

Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message.

A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons.

MONDAY // Read John 11:17-27, Luke 7:11-17, Mark 5:35-43

- Describe the circumstances surrounding the three resurrections in today's reading. What was the response?
- In what way do you think Jesus was trying to change people's opinion about the afterlife?
- How does this expand your view about the message of Easter? How have people missed this today?

TUESDAY // Read John 11:23-25, Ecclesiastes 7:2

- Why does scripture say it's better to go to a "house of mourning" rather than a "house of feasting"?
- In what way do you think today's culture resists this type of thinking? Give an example.
- Why is it important to ponder the afterlife? How comfortable are you with this topic? What does this reveal?

WEDNESDAY // Read John 11:38-44, 25-26, 3:16, 14:6, Luke 2:11, 1 Corinthians 15:19

- In what way did Jesus make it clear He was on a rescue mission to save the world? Why is this important?
- How did Jesus use the resurrection of Lazarus to prove His point? How did He highlight this to Martha?
- What happens to Christianity if this truth doesn't remain central to faith? How does this correct you?

THURSDAY // Read Matthew 28:1-7, 12:38-40, 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

- What was Jesus communicating about Jonah in His discussion with the pharisees? Why?
- How would this have been a challenge from their perspective and mindset? (i.e., Jesus' resurrection)
- In what way should this be a precursor for Christians? (i.e., firstfruits) How does it encourage you?

FRIDAY // Read 1 Corinthians 4:5, 2 Corinthians 5:10, Hebrews 9:27-28

- How does it make you feel to think of facing God's judgment when you die? Be specific.
- In what way do you think non-Christians today would respond to this same question?
- How did Jesus and Easter solve the problem? How does this change your perspective on dying?

SATURDAY // Read 1 Corinthians 15:50-58, Romans 10:9-10

- When you consider today's devotion in light of Easter, what encourages you the most? Be specific.
- In what way is death and dying the foundation for Christian faith? How can this get lost in an Easter tradition?
- Do you have the promise of heaven? If so, how are you with dying? If not, what can you do to change that?

MEDITATION VERSE: ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall be live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.