

**Title:** Easter 2026 | The Thrill of Victory and the Thrill of Defeat  
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For I passed on to you as most important what I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures... (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

...thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! (1 Corinthians 15:57)

**His victory is our victory over sin.**

If Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. (1 Corinthians 15:17)

**His victory is our victory over death.**

But as it is, Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead also comes through a man. For just as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. (1 Corinthians 15:20-22)

**To receive Christ's victory for you, Christ must have victory over you.**

*Reflection Question: How will you respond to the truth that Jesus' victory is your victory? What would it look like for you to fully surrender to Him?*

Scripture is the CSB unless noted.