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Focus Jesus got back dominion of the earth on the first Easter. We don't have to wait for the Second Coming!

Fun Where is your dream vacation destination? Are you actively planning a trip there?

Review Key Scriptures: Luke 4:6; Genesis 1:28; Matthew 27:52–53, 28:18; John 12:31, 14:1–2, 14:25–29, 16:16–22, 20:1, 20:11–22; Hebrews 9:12; Daniel 7:9–14, 7:21–22; Romans 6:14; Colossians 2:15

1. Jesus went away so we can have relationship with the Father.

He told the disciples before it happened so they would believe.

2. Jesus ascended on Resurrection Day.

Jesus told Mary, “Don’t touch me for I have not yet ascended to my Father and your Father,” but later that same day He told Thomas, “Put your hand in my side.” That means that Jesus ascended to His Father on Resurrection Day and then came back.

3. It was finished on Resurrection Day!

Jesus was given a kingdom and dominion over sin *that day*. It is finished, and everything that needs to be done to restore our relationship with God has already been done!

Group Dynamics Idea Spend the next couple of weeks looking for opportunities to reflect on the fact that Jesus has dominion over sin! Have group members journal over the next three weeks about how knowing that it is already finished changes the here and now. The praise reports will encourage the whole group!

Discuss

1. What does it mean to you personally that we get to have a relationship with the Father now as a result of what Jesus did?
2. Read John 20:14–15. Why is it important that Mary didn't recognize Jesus when she saw Him earlier that day? Did the disciples recognize Him later that day?
3. Hebrews 9:12 says that when He entered the Most Holy Place Jesus obtained eternal redemption for us with His blood. How does that eternal redemption affect us here and now?
4. Read Matthew 27:52–53. Just for fun, take a few minutes and talk about what it must have looked like around Jerusalem that day. What do you think the people living in that day must have thought and felt? Did they know the significance?
5. Read Daniel 7:9–14. If Satan has already been slain and dominion has been given to Jesus, how does that change the way we live now?
6. Now that our relationship has been restored with the Father, how does this change our everyday lives?

Take Home As we conclude, remember the following:

- Jesus left and came back so He could bring back peace and the Helper—the Holy Spirit. We can walk in that peace and with the Holy Spirit every single day.
- Jesus already ascended and destroyed sin which means you can live in constant relationship with the Father, no matter how you or anyone else messes up.
- Jesus' kingdom was established 2,000 years ago and it can't be destroyed! The Holy God has already judged you righteous!

Prayer

Jesus, You finished it all. Thank You for dying for us and taking *all* of the punishment of sin on Your head so we can be restored to our Father and Your

Father. Help us to become more aware of our relationship with the Father and with the impact that has on our lives every day. We give You dominion over our lives and we ask You to help us walk in the truth of what You did for us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip This is a perfect time to help your group members become more aware of their personal relationship with the Father. You could ask them to pray about whether they have believed any lies that separated them from the Father. Your members can attend the Equip classes "Freedom Basics" to learn more about this. Encourage your group to spend quite time alone to further seek God on this subject.