



"If anyone is in Christ, he/she is a new creation." Jesus is not offering to clean up the old; he is offering to enable the new. Because of his death and resurrection, the possibility now exists for us to be fully released to become who we were always meant to be, who we can be recreated to be. The old you is buried and dead. You have been born again. Welcome to You 2.0!

Easter Is For You 2.0

1. The introduction talks about the disciples being radically changed after seeing the resurrected Jesus. In what ways have you seen the reality of the resurrection change someone's life? Follow up: How does the story of the disciples after Jesus' crucifixion resonate with your own experiences of transformation or change?
2. **TWO DECLARATIONS: Easter is for real! Read Acts 2:23.** Why is it important that Christianity is based on a historical event (the resurrection) rather than just a philosophy or moral teaching? Follow up: In what ways does Christianity differ from other religions? How does the resurrection of Jesus set Christianity apart?
3. **TWO DECLARATIONS: Easter is for you 2.0! If Jesus is raised from the dead, then we need to raise our expectations—not to turn over a new leaf, but to get a new life. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17.** Reflect on a time when you felt defeated by the "you" that you were tired of being. How does the message of Easter offer hope for a new beginning? Follow up: What is one practical step you could take to become the "you" that you were created to be?
4. **THREE EXPECTATIONS: You 2.0 can embrace forgiveness. The price Jesus paid is greater than the mess you've made. Read Romans 4:25 & 8:34.** How can remembering that all of our sins are forgiven through Christ's death help us overcome feelings of guilt, shame or condemnation? Follow up: How can you fully embrace forgiveness?
5. **THREE EXPECTATIONS: You 2.0 can experience freedom.** What does **Romans 6:3-7** teach us about the direct effect of Jesus' death and resurrection? Follow up: Share an example of how knowing this truth has allowed you to experience freedom.
6. **THREE EXPECTATIONS: You 2.0 can reject fear.** How can what Jesus did as described in **Hebrews 2:14-15** give you courage to reject fear and live courageously today?
7. Consider the concluding question: *"If Jesus came back from the dead, why would you go back to the way things have always been?"* How does this challenge you to live differently in light of this message? What resonated with you the most from this Easter message?

