

## Living Like the Stone Is Rolled Away

The resurrection wasn't meant to stay in a moment. It was meant to shape how we live every day. It's one thing to celebrate the stone being rolled away. It's another thing to **walk into a normal, sometimes exhausting day and live like it's true**. The reality is most days don't feel like Easter morning. They feel ordinary. Busy. Sometimes heavy. When life feels routine or challenging, it's easy to focus on what's not working. When we do that, we risk missing what God is doing right in front of us. This happened in the resurrection story, and it can happen to us.

[Read John 20:11-16.](#)

Jesus had repeatedly told Mary and His disciples that he would be resurrected after three days. **Why do you think she did not recognize Him at first?**

Grief and despair can cloud our view, but so can expectations. Mary was expecting to see a dead body, not a resurrected Savior. Sometimes we don't see God at work, not because He isn't there, but because we're not expecting Him to appear in the middle of our situation. **Where do you need to experience God's presence in your life right now? Are you expecting him to show up?**

[Read Romans 6:4-8.](#)

**According to this passage, what happened to our "old sinful selves" through Christ's death, and how does His resurrection (the stone being rolled away) change what is now possible for us?**

Because Jesus didn't stay in the grave, through Him, our old life no longer defines us. Sin no longer has power over us. We are free to walk in new life, filled with hope, strength, and the same resurrection power that raised Christ from the dead. As we step into our schools each day, that truth goes with us. It should shape how we respond, how we serve, and how we show up for those around us. We are not walking in defeat or discouragement but in the freedom and purpose that only Christ can give. **What is one practical way you can walk in this new life this week, living in the freedom made possible by the resurrection?**

Living like the stone is rolled away doesn't mean our days suddenly become easy or free from challenge. It means we choose to live in the truth of what Jesus has already done. Mary stood face to face with the risen Savior and didn't recognize Him at first. It was not because He wasn't there but because she wasn't expecting to see Him. *How often do we do the same?* Because of the resurrection, we have a choice. We can live as though the stone is still in place, or we can walk forward in the freedom, hope, and power that Jesus has already secured. As you step into your week—your school, your responsibilities, your relationships—walk in that truth. **The stone has been rolled away!**

*Lord, thank You that the stone has been rolled away. Help us to live in that truth each day. When we are tempted to focus on what is challenging, shift our eyes to see where You are at work. Give us eyes to recognize Your presence, even in the ordinary moments. As we go into this week, help us to live like the stone is truly rolled away. Fill us with joy, purpose, and confidence in You. In Jesus' name, amen.*

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