

# The 50 Days of Easter

## How Might God be Scaring You?

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How do you feel about the notion that humans are in constant pursuit of identity?

- A. W. Tozer's 7 Rules for Self-Discovery
1. What do I want most?
  2. What do I think about most?
  3. How do I use my money?
  4. What do I do with my leisure time?
  5. What company do I enjoy?
  6. Who and what do I admire?
  7. What do I laugh at?

What if Easter is a great opportunity to assess the kind of identity I'm creating?

Will I be counted among those who waited?

**Isaiah 25v6-9**  
6 On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. 7 And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; 8 he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. 9 It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

What if waiting isn't purely passive?

**Mark 16v1-8**  
When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 2 And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. 3 They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' 4 When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. 5 As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. 6 But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' 8 So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Confusion + Paying Attention = Growth (?)

How is God scaring you?

What if that's your clue on the next step in creating your identity around the Risen Son of God?

**Books:** *The Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel  
**Songs:** Christ the Risen Lord Today, King of Kings, Reign Above It All, In Christ Alone, Let Praises Rise, Because He Lives, O Praise the Name  
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