

A vibrant background featuring a bright sun with rays at the top center, a horizontal green band across the middle, and a field of green grass at the bottom. The word "Easter" is written in a white, elegant cursive font across the green band.

Easter



How do we get from:



Our Mess

How do we get from:

His Masterpiece

How do we get from:

Tragedy
Beautiful



Tragedy



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Religious leadership found Jesus to be dangerous...



Tragedy

Political leadership found Jesus to be expendable...



Tragedy

Public opinion turned dramatically against Jesus...



Tragedy

Jesus is betrayed by one of His closest friends...



Tragedy

Jesus is deserted by the other eleven...



Tragedy

Jesus endures the mockery of seven bogus trials...



Tragedy

Jesus is beaten and whipped within a inch of His life...



Tragedy

Jesus is shamefully hung naked on a cross...



Tragedy

Jesus endures the weight of God's wrath...



Tragedy

Jesus experiences isolation and alienation from His Father...



Tragedy

Jesus is buried in a borrowed tomb like a common pauper...



Tragedy

Jesus tomb is sealed and guarded with Roman authority...



Tragedy

Jesus followers and His family are without hope...



Tragedy

The city of Jerusalem is in disarray...



Tragedy

Everything is a Disaster...



Tragedy



Tragedy

Disappointments...



Tragedy

Defeats...



Tragedy

Disillusionments...



Tragedy

Delinquencies...



Tragedy

Our lives can be a *Mess* too...

The image features a vibrant green background. At the top center, there is a bright sunburst effect with rays of light. The bottom portion of the image shows a field of lush green grass. The text "Dawning of the third day..." is centered in the upper half of the image.

Dawning of the third day...



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Beautiful



The tomb is empty and death is defeated...

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Jesus is risen from the dead...

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We've been

Ransomed

Mark 10:32-45



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- 32 And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was going to happen to Him,
- 33 saying, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him over to the Gentiles.

34 And they will mock Him and spit on Him, and flog Him and kill Him. And after three days He will rise.”



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35 And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to Him and said to Him,

“Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.”

36 And He said to them,

“What do you want me to do for you?”

37 And they said to Him,

“Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.”

38 Jesus said to them,

“You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?”

39 And they said to Him,

“We are able.”

And Jesus said to them,

*“The cup that I drink you will drink,
and with baptism with which I am baptized,
you will be baptized,*

40 *but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”*

41 And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John.

42 Jesus called them to Him and said to them,
“You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.

- 43 *But it shall not be so among you.
But whoever would be great among you must be
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was actually the fulfillment of a transaction of providing payment for what rightfully belonged to Him as the Creator....

...making a masterpiece out of our lives, even lives of *disappointment, defeat, disillusionment, and delinquencies* that are touched by His death and His resurrection, in order that we might have His victory and His deliverance.

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