

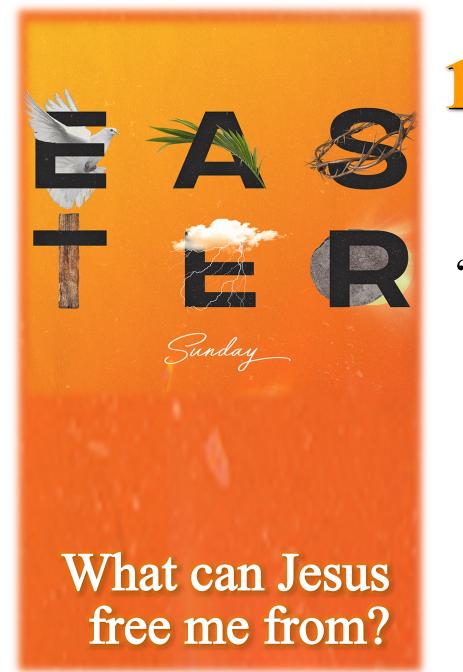
What is Easter About?











Freedom from pains of yesterday.

"¹⁸But the LORD says, 'Do not cling to events of the past or dwell on what happened long ago. ¹⁹Watch for the new thing I am going to do. It is happening already—you can see it now! I will make a road through the wilderness and give you streams of water there."

Isaiah 43:18-19 (GNB)

"¹³If only you would prepare your heart and lift up your hands to him in prayer! ¹⁴Get rid of your sins, and leave all iniquity behind you. ¹⁵Then your face will brighten with innocence. You will be strong and free of fear. ¹⁶You will forget your misery; it will be like water flowing away."

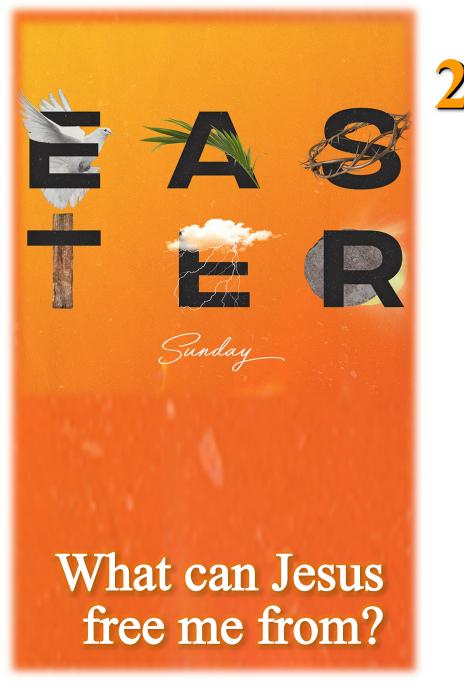
Job 11:13-16



Question:

Do I have something I need to forgive?





Freedom from pressures of today.

"²⁸Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding. ²⁹He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless."

Isaiah 40:28-30

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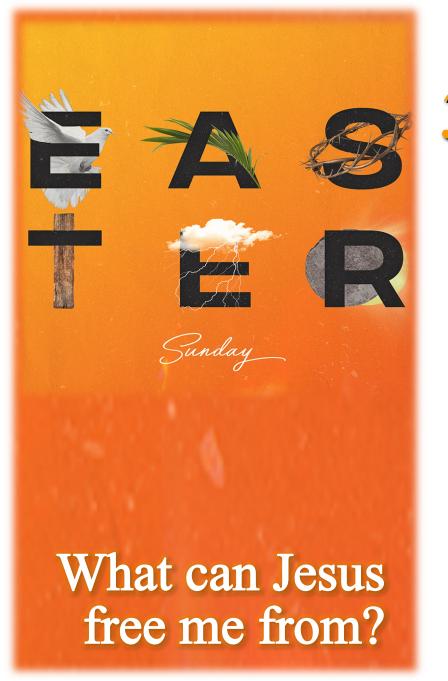
Do I have something I need to forfeit?



^{*28}Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. ²⁹Walk with me and work with me watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. ³⁰Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

Matthew 11:28-30





3. Freedom from pessímísm of tomorrow.

"I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the LORD; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope."

Jeremiah 29:11

"The mountains might shake. The hills might be removed. But my faithful love for you will never be shaken. And my covenant that promises peace to you will never be broken,' says the LORD. He shows you his loving concern."



Question: Do I have something I need God to free me from?



"Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends."



