

# Easter

— WITH US —

## Easter 2015 “Unbelievably Believable” Andy Stanley

**Scripture:** John 11:48, 53; Matthew 27:64–65; 1 Corinthians 15:1, 3–9

**Idea:** The story of the resurrection is unbelievably believable. Nobody saw it coming.

### Introduction

1. I love Easter because I love the Gospel narratives surrounding Easter. Chaotic. Detailed. Inconsistent. All arriving at the same conclusion.
2. The narrative is **unbelievably** *believable*.
3. Before you roll your eyes, a couple of data points:  
*We do not believe Jesus rose from the dead because the **Bible** tells us so.*
4. That’s “Sunday school.” That’s “Because mommy said so.”  
Good for kids. Not adults.
5. Middle school: **Jesus**, buddy in the sky.  
Camp: **Jesus**, rah, rah Jesus. Rededicate **Jesus**.  
Big church: **Jesus**, boring and irrelevant.
6. Then you went to college with that version and . . . game over.

*The “Jesus loves me . . . for the Bible tells me so” version is not an **adult** version. Ninety percent of faith loss isn’t related to . . . that brings us back to Easter.*

7. We believe the Easter narrative because . . .

*Matthew, an eyewitness, believed it.*

*Mark, a friend of Peter’s, believed it.*

*Luke, a friend of Peter, James, and John, researched and believed it.*

*John, an eyewitness, believed it.*

*James, the brother of Jesus, believed it. What?*

*Paul, who hated Christians, came to believe it.*