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Hope
Matthew 28:1-6

Introduction: For we who follow Jesus, Easter is a very special time of year.

- It's a time of reflection.
 - It's a time of celebration.
 - It's also incredibly powerful.
1. Have you heard ... "It's Friday, but Sunday's coming"?
 2. We spend a lot of time in the Fridays of life, and if we're not careful, we can get stuck.
 3. This is where the message of Easter is so powerful.
 4. It's a message of hope, life, and victory!

I. Fridays Are Real & Inevitable

A. Reality

B. Questions

C. Despair

II. Easter Changes Everything

A. God's Plan

B. God's Purpose

C. God's Power

Conclusion: The Easter story unfolded some 2,000 years ago, but it is still making a difference today.

1. Just like winter precedes spring.
2. Just like night ushers in a new day dawning.
3. It is easy to get stuck in our Fridays, our winters, and our nights.
4. The resurrection says we don't have to live there.
5. God offers hope, life, and victory.
6. Will you accept His invitation?