



Part 2: Jesus Stood Up  
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## **There is a bully you can't beat: sin.**

### **Through the Victory of the Resurrection...**

#### **Jesus stood up to sin.**

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. – *Colossians 2:13-15*

#### **Jesus stood up to the lies.**

This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. – *1 John 5:3-5*

#### **Jesus stood up to death.**

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. – *Romans 6:23*

When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. – *1 Corinthians 15:54-57*

#### **Jesus stood up for you by laying down His life.**

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. – *1 John 3:16*

## Salvation Prayer

Jesus, I believe that you are the Son of God. I believe that you came, you lived, you died and you rose again so that I could have forgiveness for the past and hope for the future. You stood up for me, so right now I receive you as my personal Lord and Savior. Thank you for forgiving me. Thank you for loving me. I give my entire life to you.

## Next Steps

**BAPTISM:** If you have decided to follow Jesus but have never been baptized, don't miss out on this opportunity after Easter. Baptism classes take place on April 14 & 15, with baptisms the following weekend, April 21 & 22, during all services. Get all the details in today's program, the new CTK Life, and sign up today at the Connection Point.

**ALPHA:** Alpha is a practical introduction to the basics of Christianity with loads of opportunity for debate and discussion. The style of Alpha is informal, friendly and non-pressured. Alpha starts this Monday, April 9 at 5:30 pm. Find out more in the Community Spotlight in today's program and sign up today at the Connection Point.

### Small Group Questions



- 1) What did you do to celebrate Easter this year?
- 2) Have you ever had to deal with a bully? What did you do?
- 3) How have you tried to defeat sin on your own? What have you learned from this struggle?
- 4) What is the most toxic lie the enemy puts in your mind? What truth of God helps to combat that lie?
- 5) Jesus defeated death once and for all. How does His victory change the way you live your life right now?