

SPIRITUAL TASK—ROLL AWAY THE STONE (Mark 15, 16, 12)

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Story The leaders of the church tried to destroy the Lord and remove His influence. They crucified Him and sealed Him behind a large stone in a tomb. When the women came to the tomb on Easter morning, they said, “Who will roll away the stone?” When they got there the stone was already rolled away and the Lord was risen.

Meaning The message of Easter is that the Lord defeated the hells and glorified His Human - making it so we can be saved if we choose to live according to the Word. The stone rolled away pictures that way to the Lord is again open and we are free to approach Him in His Word.

Task This week do not waste the lessons of Easter. Make a decision to live your life differently—to live your life in agreement with the Lord’s Word. You have been given the freedom to do so, and access to the Lord and eternal happiness is yours—the way is clear. If presented with an opportunity to do the wrong thing say, “I won’t do that—that is not the kind of person I am.” If a chance to do the right thing is there, say, “I will do this, this is the kind of person I am.” Be confident in the Lord’s ability to strengthen you in what is right, and lead you away from what is wrong.