



Dear Friends,

A few weeks ago, at our Easter Sunday service, Jen and I gave a short kids talk about the surprise of the empty tomb.

During the talk, Jen asked the children what they thought Mary discovered when she looked into Jesus' opened tomb. One boy quickly called out, "Easter eggs!"

The boy wasn't being silly. He genuinely didn't know what was supposed to be in the tomb—unlike many of us who have grown up hearing the Easter story again and again.

The more I thought about it, the more it struck me that that Sunday may well have been the first time he had heard about Jesus' resurrection. And, when he finally heard that the tomb was empty because Jesus had risen from the dead, there was real surprise and wonder.

Moments like that are becoming more common in Australia today.

Research from McCrindle suggests that around 28% of Australians say they know nothing or very little about Jesus. For many people in our community, hearing about Jesus isn't revisiting a familiar story—but to discover him for the very first time.

And this isn't only true for children. Recently I shared the story of Jesus welcoming Matthew the tax collector with an adult. After hearing it, his response was: "Wow! That's a twist!" That was the first time that he had heard this story about Jesus.

For some people, this unfamiliarity with Jesus creates curiosity and openness to hearing more about him.

So how can we make the most of this opportunity? One question we often ask at the end of Bible study at youth group is: 'What is one thing from today you could share with a friend?' So, the next time after studying the Bible in GG, or your daily devotional reading, or after listening to a sermon, you might ask yourself the same question: What is one thing I heard today that I could share with a friend?

Kids and young people hear about Jesus every week at Kids' Club, Kids' Church, RP Youth, and SRE- sometimes for the very first time.

As Term 2 begins, we would value your partnership in prayer. Please pray that God would sustain, equip, and encourage those serving in these ministries. Pray too for those who come along—that they would meet Jesus and place their trust in him.

We would also love you to consider supporting Kids' Club. Last term we saw a growing number of children coming along, which has been a wonderful encouragement. At the same time, our team is stretched, and we would appreciate a few more helpers committed to preparing afternoon tea a few times each term. This would go a long way toward making Kids' Club more sustainable. If you'd like to find out more, I'd love to speak with you.

Above all, we need to continue to pray that through our faithful witness—both personally and as a church—many more in our community will hear about Jesus and come to believe that he is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing they may have life in his name (John 20:31).

God Bless,
Kevin Huynh