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**Easter Sunday: The Answer**  
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**Honest to God Series 2026**

Honest About My Doubts (April 12)  
Honest About My Brokenness (April 19)  
Honest About My Fears (April 26)  
Honest About My Past (May 3)

**Three Questions We All Seek to Answer**

- Is there a God and can I know Him?
- Is death the end?
- If not, what happens after we die?

**Revelation 1:17-18 (NIV):** "... I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades."

**Three Bold Claims That Answer the Three Questions**

**Bold Claim #1: I Am the One, True God**

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**Isaiah 44:6 (NIV):** "This is what the LORD says—Israel's King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God."

**Bold Claim #2: I Alone Defeated the Grave!**

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### **Bold Claim #3: I Have Authority Over Life and Death**

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**1 John 2:13 (NLT):** I am writing to you who are mature in the faith because you know Christ, who existed from the beginning. ...

**Matthew 7:21-22 (NIV):** "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?'"

**Matthew 7:23 (NIV):** "Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'"