# EASTER MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE

# Pastor Kevin Cummings – April 12, 2020

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	Saturday	Sunday
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	ACTION POINTS: 1.) Jesus Christ can chang	ge life today!
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• Because of Easter, you can have the power of God. <i>John 1:12</i>	3.) Are you you are goi	ng to heaven when you die?

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- Because of Easter you can change.
  - A. From a person who worries to a person who worships.
  - B. From a person who panics to a person who has peace.
  - C. From a person who is fearful to a person full of faith.
  - D. From a person who <u>is religious</u> to a person who has a relationship with Jesus.

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- A. The power to <u>start or stop</u>.
- B. The power to keep going.

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C. The power to get back on track.

## III. Easter is all about a fresh start.

- Because of Easter, you can have a fresh start.
  - A. One day can make all the difference in your life.
  - B. Easter is moving from the way it <u>was</u> to the way it <u>can be</u>.

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ACTION POINTS: 1.) Jesus Christ can change your life today!

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