

Easter Freedom  
The Last Words of Jesus, part 7  
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Jesus said, I am the Door; anyone who enters through Me will be saved [and will live forever].  
*John 10:9 (Amp)*

Suddenly, there was a great earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the prison doors flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off and they were set free!  
*Acts 16:26 (NLT)*

If you live as I tell you to, you are truly my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free... And if the Son sets you free, you will be truly free!  
*John 8:31-32, 36*

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom!  
*2 Corinthians 3:17 (NIV)*

What does Easter free me to do?

1. I am free to be real

The fear of human opinion disables; but trusting in God protects you from that.  
*Proverbs 29:25 (MSG)*

You are always making yourselves look good, but God sees what is in your heart. The things that most people think are important are worthless as far as God is concerned.  
*Luke 16:15 (CEV)*

I will live in freedom, because I do my best to know your instructions (Lord).  
*Psalms 119:45 (ERV)*

2. I am free to forgive

There is now no condemnation awaiting those who belong to Christ Jesus. For the power of God's life-

giving Spirit - and this power is mine through Christ Jesus - has freed me from the vicious circle of sin and death.  
*Romans 8:1-2 (LB)*

Some men stay happy till the day they die...others have no happiness at all; they live and die with bitter hearts.  
*Job 21:23-25*

If you refuse to forgive others, your Father in heaven will not forgive your sins.  
*Matthew 6:15 (NLT)*

3. I am free to have courage

That evening, the disciples met behind locked doors out of fear of the religious leaders. Suddenly, Jesus stood among them! 'Peace be with you,' he said.  
*John 20:19 (NLT)*

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him... There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear.  
*John 4:16, 18 (NIV)*

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, and have been called according to his purpose.  
*Romans 8:28 (NIV)*

It makes no difference who you are or where you're from - if you want God and are ready to do as he says, the door is open!  
*Acts 10:35 (MSG)*