



WELCOME

Welcome fellow pilgrims!

We're excited to have you and your crew join us on this interactive Easter journey! Graves to Gardens is designed as a fun and challenging experience to be done as a household or with a small group of friends.

Our hope is that it will bring new levels of meaning and depth to your Easter weekend and that all who wander here will have a fresh and unforgettable encounter with the true story of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. May these practices draw you closer to our Father and give you a greater understanding of the power of His love for us and His plans for the world.

THE Approach

We recommend that you (and maybe a few others in your group) read over all of the practices before starting on Friday. It's best for one person to be the designated lead for each day, helping to set the tone and making sure everyone clearly understands the objective. As the organizer, keep in mind that each practice will require some amount of interpretation and contextualization for your crew. For example, if you have a family with young children you may want to simplify the readings and think of ways to work around sleep times and attention spans. Or if you are the only person in your household doing #gravestogardens, consider finding a way to journey alongside some others (virtually or in person). Whatever your situation is, we encourage you to make adjustments to fit your context.

THE PREP

You will also need to do some level of preparation. For example, if you plan to go outside for the sunrise practice you'll want to scout sunrise viewing angles in advance so you're not scrambling around at 6am looking for a good spot. You'll probably also want to do your homework to find the dawn and sunrise times for your area. And don't forget that you may need to shop in advance for items you'll need such as breakfast foods, candles, matches, etc.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Graves to Gardens is designed to be done as households or in community, so if you happen to be on your own or know of someone who might be doing any of these practices alone, why not invite them to join you via video-chat or better yet, in real life?





COLLECT	A few things you may need for Graves to Gardens:
	Walking shoes & weather appropriate attire (for Day 1 gravesite & Day 2 pilgrimage practices)
	 Candles / tealights (at least one per person, plus extra for around the house)
	Lighter / matches
	Printed versions of each practice (optional digital version available)
	Art/craft supplies (for creative option Saturday)
	Books (for reading option Saturday)
	Simple foods/snacks/meal items (for low stress Sabbath day mealtimes)
	Bible / Children's story Bible (for offline scripture reading)
	Printed maps (as needed for tech-free wandering)
	Outdoor chairs
	Blankets (for Sunday morning sunrise if outside)
	Hot drinks / cups / thermos
	Breakfast feast items
	Glasses & drink of choice for toasting