

***Easter Sunday ~ March 31, 2013***



***Life Group & Family  
Discussion Guide***

***“Jesus’ Resurrection”***

**Matthew 28:1-20**

He is risen! He is risen indeed!

This week we bring our study of Passion Week to a close by reflecting on the resurrection of Christ. In Matthew’s account, we see how the empty tomb had “earthquake” implications not only for the eleven disciples, but for the rest of human history. Jesus’ resurrection from the dead authenticated his claims as Messiah and established his legitimacy as King and Savior. It also continues to give power to his followers as we proclaim the good news of death’s defeat.

Happy Easter!



## **DISCUSS WITH YOUR LIFE GROUP:**

1. **Read Matthew 28:1-20.** Why did the two Marys go to Jesus' tomb on Sunday morning? (See Mark 16:1)

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2. Verse 8 says that "they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy." Why were the two women both fearful and joyful?

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3. Why did the religious establishment of Jerusalem feel the need to invent a story to explain why Jesus' body went missing (vss. 11-15)?

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4. According to Jesus, we are supposed to be making disciples (vs. 19). But...what is a disciple?

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5. Is it important for a disciple to be active in a local church? Why or why not?

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6. How does it comfort you to believe that "all authority in heaven and on earth has been given" to Jesus Christ (vs. 18)? Relate your answer to a specific challenge you are currently facing.

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## **DISCUSS WITH YOUR FAMILY:**

1. How satisfied are you with your family's involvement in making disciples (vss. 18-19)? What would it look like for you to more faithfully engage your non-Christian friends and neighbors in gospel conversations?
2. It's fun to act out Bible stories as a family. Act out this passage, assigning family members the roles of the key players in the Easter story. Imagine how it would feel to actually see the resurrected Jesus!
3. Talk with your children about why you believe in the resurrection. Share as many evidences of the resurrection as you can. (If you need help, check out this website: [www.tinyurl.com/RessurrectionEvidence](http://www.tinyurl.com/RessurrectionEvidence))
4. One of the effects of the resurrection of Jesus was worship (vss. 9, 17). How do members of your family feel about worship on Sunday morning? (pick the answer that best describes your attitude)
  - a. "Boring!"
  - b. "I don't want to get out of bed!"
  - c. "I wish the service didn't last so long!"
  - d. "I learn a lot on Sunday!"
  - e. "I can't wait to see my friends!"
  - f. "God, you're amazing!"

Is there need of a change of attitude toward the resurrected Jesus?

# **SERMON NOTES**