

“The Greatest Wake Up!”

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Mark 16:1-20

When Jesus was taken off the cross, His followers were left with:

*Hopelessness

*Futility

* _____

*Defeat

* _____

*Disappointment

In their minds, the “game” was over. Things had gone horribly wrong.

Mark 16:1-3 Doing What They Knew to Do

- They went to anoint a _____ body.
- We also have to begin with what we know to do.

Mark 16:4-7 The Greatest Wake Up!

- Don't be _____.
- The Greatest Wake Up! - **He has risen!**
- Go tell Peter.
- We've all crossed too many lines.

Mark 16:8 A Most Understandable Freak Out

What Difference Does the Resurrection Really Make?

1. It simply changes _____.
2. It _____ Jesus and His words.
3. It demonstrates that there can be true _____.
4. It offers _____ hope:
 - For our future _____ (II Timothy 4:6)
 - For our future _____ (Revelation 21:3-4)
 - In our present _____ (Romans 5:3-5, Philippians 4:11-12)

The extent that we truly believe in the resurrected Jesus will have a major impact on how we face the storms that will come our way.

How Are You Going To Approach The Tomb This Easter?

- With avoidance?
- With curiosity?
- With skepticism?
- With joy?
- With hope?
- With renewed commitment?

WE HAVE TO WAKE UP TO THE GREATEST WAKE UP!

He is risen!

Talk it over...with your friends, family, or Growth Group.

Talking through the ideas presented in Sunday's message helps us apply God's word to our individual lives. These questions are designed to help you put His words into action in your life this week. How do you think you would have responded if you had been one of the women at the empty tomb?

As a general rule, do you think the Christian community appreciates the magnitude of the resurrection? Why or Why Not? What about you?

Where do you think people typically look to provide stability for their lives?

What is the difference between legitimate hope and wishful thinking?

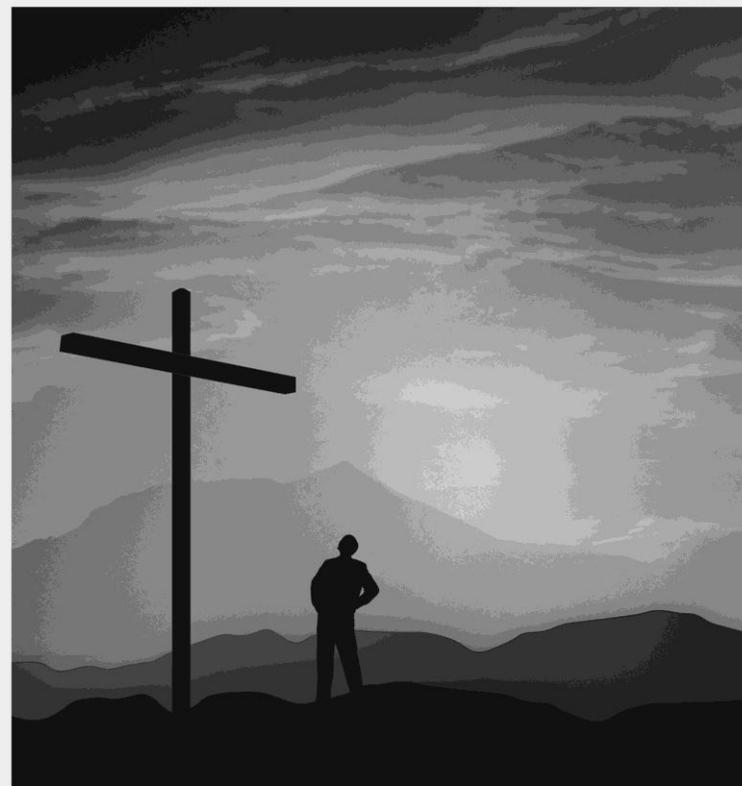
What is your reaction to the proclamation "Christ is Risen!"?

Suggested readings regarding the resurrection:

- [The Case for Easter](#) by Lee Strobel
- [Basic Christianity](#) by John Stott
- [Who Moved the Stone?](#) by Frank Morrison
- [More Than a Carpenter](#) by Josh McDowell and Sean McDowell
- [No Wonder They Call Him Savior](#) by Max Lucado

If you signed up for "I'm In", don't forget to be praying for the person that God would have you reach out to.

What is your main "take-away" from this week? How do you plan to "live out" what you have heard this morning?



The Jesus you need to know...

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