

EASTER SUNDAY

Running to the Empty Tomb

John 19:38 - John 20:18

Sunday, March 31, 2024

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5. Jesus says "Do not _____ to me."

6. The differing, _____ Resurrection accounts across the four Gospels.

The Resurrection is a _____ truth.

The Resurrection is about a _____.

You and I must _____ grapple with belief in the Resurrection of Jesus ourselves.

The Resurrection is a _____ truth.

The Resurrection changes the _____.

The Resurrection changes the _____.

The Resurrection changes _____.

Jesus says, "I am the Resurrection and the life." Then John records that it happened: Jesus rose from the dead! In his eyewitness testimony, John tells us 3 things about the truth of the Resurrection.

The Resurrection is a _____ truth.

The disciples themselves were _____ by the Resurrection.

There are _____ that indicate this is an eyewitness account, not a fabricated lie.

1. A woman as the first _____.

2. The disciples _____ to the tomb.

3. The _____ of the grave cloths, which is a contrast to Lazarus' Resurrection, where his grave cloths must be removed.

4. Jesus isn't _____ by Mary.

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Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the perfect time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org/groups

CONNECT *(ask this question to check-in with your group)*

Pastor Tim shared the story about forgetting to put the hitch pin in. He asked if stuff like this happens to you? Share a story when you were absent-minded and/or stupid.

DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. Read John 19:38 - 20:18 again as a group. How did you "come under" the text and message this week? What are your personal takeaways?
2. Why is the Resurrection the "hitch pin" of the Gospel and the Christian faith? Do you think you could explain this to someone?
3. Was there something that convinced you that the Resurrection actually happened? How important for you was the historicity of the Resurrection in your own coming to faith or persevering in the faith? (It's not important to everyone.)

4. We looked at 6 surprising details in John's account of the Resurrection which indicate this is an eyewitness account and not a fabricated lie. Without looking at the outline, can you identify them in the text, recall them, and explain them together as a group? Which one of those surprising details is the most compelling and convincing to you and why?
5. How does the Resurrection change the disciples? How does it change the world? How does it change forever? Why should we WANT to believe the Resurrection, even if we don't?
6. What does it look like to live in light of the Resurrection? How should the Resurrection change us?

PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Pray for help to live in light of the Resurrection of Jesus. Pray that the Resurrection would change you.
- In light of the Resurrection, pray for one another's needs.