

# Scripture this week:

## 1 Corinthians 15:14-19

<sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup> We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

## Matthew 28:1-10

<sup>1</sup> Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." <sup>8</sup> So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

## The Savior is Alive

1 Corinthians 15:14-19; Matthew 28:1-10

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The good news of Jesus is that He didn't stay in the grave; Jesus' resurrection confirms that He overcame our final enemy and invites us to experience life transforming happiness that comes from being raised with Him.

- Our Enemy Defeated by Christ
- Our Hope Validated in Christ
- Our Life United with Christ

## Questions for Discussion:

### **Notes:**

1 Corinthians 15:14-19; Matthew 28:1-10

#### **What does it mean?**

1. Where have we been thus far in the series?
2. How does the resurrection fit into the over all scheme of the series?
3. Why is death an enemy and how does Jesus' resurrection address that?
4. What is Matthew trying to convey to us about the reaction of the women? Why is this significant?
5. Why does the angel use the word "disciples" and Jesus use the word "brothers"? Is this significant?
6. What's the big idea of Matthew 28:1-10?
7. Was the resurrection necessary? What is the crucifixion without the resurrection?

#### **How does it apply?**

1. Why is the resurrection so significant? (cf. 1 Corinthians 15 & 1 Peter 1:3)
2. In what ways do we minimize the resurrection?
3. Why is it important to see how the resurrection has implications both for today and our eternity?
4. How does the reality of the resurrection change the way we live today?
5. How can we live with more confidence and urgency rather than indifference and disinterest regarding the resurrection?