

EASTER SUNDAY

Matthew 28:1-20

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. WHAT SENSE DOES THE RESURRECTION MAKE?
 - THE TIMING IS TOO EARLY
 - THE CONTENT IS TOO COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE
 - THE TRANSFORMATION IS TOO RADICAL

2. WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES THE RESURRECTION MAKE?
 - THE RESURRECTION FREES YOU FROM YOURSELF
 - THE RESURRECTION FREES YOU FROM THIS WORLD

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. Was there anything specific from the Easter testimonies or baptisms that impacted you?
3. When you consider the resurrection of Jesus do you have a harder time seeing how it makes sense as a historical fact or seeing how it makes a difference in your life?
4. Pastor Ryan spent some time on Easter talking about how the resurrection makes sense. What piece of evidence was most compelling to you? Are there any questions you have surrounding the historical evidence of the resurrection?
5. Just like Adam and Eve, we can try to cover our shame with our own version of "fig leaves". What do you use to try to justify yourself? How can the resurrection free us from this endless pursuit of self-justification?
6. The resurrection of Jesus shows us that, for those who trust in Him, this life isn't the only life we have. What are some ways this should change the way we spend our lives? Why do you think it's so easy to still live as though this life is all we get?

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: Jesus' resurrection points forward to the restoration of all things. The resurrection isn't a consolation it's a restoration.