

**He Has Risen!**  
**Text: Matthew 28:1-10**  
**April 8, 2023**

**Big Idea: Jesus has risen from the grave, you must believe in Him to have life.**

**Context is key!**

**Question #1 (Context)**

*Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?*

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

**Question #2 (Context)**

*Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?*

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) How does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

**Question #3 (Context)**

*Ask Yourself: What are the principles, commands or promises given?*

- a) What is the overall theme of the text? (Hint: See the 'Big Idea' above!)
- b) Does the passage include any promise from God? If so, what?

**Question #4 (Context)**

*Ask Yourself: What is the application?*

- a) What is one specific way I can live by these truths, or trust in these promises today?
- b) What is the next step that I need to take to see this happen?

Jesus has risen from the dead...

**Point 1: The TRUTH is REVEALED: "Come and See!" (vv. 1-7)**

*Question: The evidence for the resurrection is clear. Will you see the truth and believe it?*

**Question #5**

The truth revealed...

A DEMONSTRATION of Power (vv. 1-4)

- a) **Rd vv. 1-4:** How does the women coming to anoint Jesus' body support the truth of the resurrection?
- b) What did the Jews and Romans do to ensure that the disciples couldn't steal the body?
- c) What 2 signs did God do to overcome their efforts and show the truth of the resurrection?
- d) What are ways God promises to demonstrate His power through His people today? (Use Scripture)
- e) What are some ways God has demonstrated His power in your life this past year?

### Question #6

The truth revealed...

A DECLARATION of Proof (vv. 5-7)

- a) **Rd vv. 5-7:** What two truths does the angel declare that support the truth of the resurrection?
- b) Why is the truth that Jesus had a bodily resurrection crucial to the truth of the gospel?
- c) Give examples from Scripture that prove Jesus rose in body and not as a spirit.
- d) How does the truth of Jesus' bodily resurrection give us confidence and hope today as we live as His witnesses?

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**Point 2: The TRUTH is CONFIRMED: "Don't Be Afraid!" (vv. 8-10)**

*Question: The truth about Jesus is confirmed. How will you respond to Him?*

### Question #7

- a) **Read v. 9:** How did the women respond when Jesus met them on the road?
- b) Give examples from Scripture of what God says a life of true worship to Him is to look like.
- c) What area(s) of your life do you worship (ie-ascribe greater worth to) other things over Christ?
- d) What is it you really want from those things that you believe you won't have in Christ?
- e) How does the gospel fulfill that desire you're trying to fill with those other things? (Use Scripture)
- f) What is a next step you can take this week in His power to grow in your worship of Christ in those areas?

### Question #8

- a) What is the gospel?
- b) Now, write it out again in 1-2 sentences.

### Prayer Application

Spend time as a group/in accountability in prayer...

- a) ADORATION before Christ: Declare what He has done through His death & resurrection.(Use verses)
- b) CONFESSION to Christ: Confess areas of unbelief in His resurrection power through the gospel.
- c) THANKSGIVING to Christ: Thank Jesus for saving you and empowering you to follow Him.
- d) SUPPLICATION to Christ: Pray for increasing worship of Christ in each area of your life and an increasing witness for Him through His resurrection power.

*Memory Verse:*

*"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."-2 Corinthians 5:21*

