



This Changes Everything

Mark 16:1-8 (NLT) ¹ Saturday evening, when the Sabbath ended, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome went out and purchased burial spices so they could anoint Jesus' body. ² Very early on Sunday morning, just at sunrise, they went to the tomb. ³ On the way they were asking each other, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴ But as they arrived, they looked up and saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled aside. ⁵ When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side. The women were shocked, ⁶ but the angel said, "Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid his body." ⁷ Now go and tell his disciples, including Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died." ⁸ The women fled from the tomb, trembling and bewildered, and they said nothing to anyone because they were too frightened.

To understand why Easter changes everything, we have to start with two simple questions: what does it mean and why does it matter?

The Resurrection Means...

- Jesus is who He CLAIMED to be!
- Jesus has the POWER He claimed to have.
- Jesus did what He PROMISED to do.

The Resurrection Matters Because...

- My past can be FORGIVEN.

- My present problems can be MANAGED.
- My FUTURE can get nailed down.

Now what are you going to do with "this changes everything" event?

1 Peter 1:3 (NLT) All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation...

What is your source of hope?

Additional Notes...

scriptures that relate

Monday: 1 Peter 1
Tuesday: 1 Peter 2

Wednesday: 1 Peter 3
Thursday: 1 Peter 4

Friday: Galatians 1
Saturday: Galatians 2

small groups—talk it over

1. How does the resurrection change everything?
2. Does resurrection power make a difference in your daily life?
3. How can God help you with your present problems?
4. What does the resurrection have to do with your future?

pastor nathan's prayer requests

Monday: Pray for the church leadership as they prayerfully lead us.

Tuesday: Pray for Pastor Brian as he prepares the message God is giving him.

Wednesday: Pray for our discipleship classes and small groups.

Thursday: Pray for the Worship Arts department as we plan to deliver God's Word through art.

Friday: Pray for the youth and children in our church to be an impact to those around them.

Saturday: Pray for our weekend services and those attending.