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EASTER SUNDAY
"HIS GLORIOUS RESURRECTION"
PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE



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OLIVET COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday, April 1, 2018 • Olivet Small Group Guide

“His Glorious Resurrection”

Matthew 28:1-15; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Romans 10:9-10

Warming Up

1. When you were a child, were there “pleasant fictions” that you believed to be true? What impact did they have on your life? What was it like when you learned the truth?

2. Is it possible for someone to build his or her life upon a lie? Just because something “works,” does that make it true?

3. What *is* truth? What is the difference between *objective* and *subjective* truth? How would you explain objective truth to someone?

4. Is it possible for all religious systems to be equally valid? Why or why not? Is there an ultimate truth claim in Christianity that everyone must evaluate? Explain your thoughts.

Digging Deeper

Read **Matthew 28:1-17**

4. Who first visits the tomb on the first day of the week? Why?

5. What were they expecting to find? What (or whom) did they find instead?
6. How do you think the women felt as they left the tomb?
7. What three commands were the women given? Why is each important?
8. Why do you think Jesus appeared to (and commissioned) these women before he appeared to the eleven disciples? In light of Matthew 4:10, what is the significance of the fact that they *worshipped* Jesus?
9. Look carefully! What did the guards tell the chief priests? Why do you think the chief priests changed their story? Did people believe it? Whose "word" was contrasted with whose?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

10. What elements are essential to the gospel according to this passage? How are each validated?

Read Romans 10:9-10

11. What two elements are essential to “saving” faith according to Romans 10?

Making It Personal

12. Has the *reality* of Jesus' resurrection “dawned” on you? If so, how did it become real? If not, what presents a stumbling block to you?

13. How would you respond to thoughts like: (a) the disciples “stole” the Jesus' body? (b) that Jesus only swooned on the cross and revived in the coolness of the tomb? (c) that the resurrection was a legend that caught on?

14. What does it mean to *you* that Jesus has risen from the dead?

15. How can your small group pray for you today? How can you pray for them?