



Easter *April 9*

## BIG IDEA

*Who do you need to go and tell the life-changing, hope-giving, joy-stirring news that's found in the words, "He is not here; he's risen from the dead"? For there are people in your life, your family, friends, classmates, coworkers, people whom God has put in your life so you can share the Good News with them. The Good News of his great love for all people as he has displayed in the life, death, and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ.*

## THOUGHTS FROM THE SERMON

1. What stood out to you in this week's sermon? What were your biggest takeaways?

*Read: Matthew 28:1, Deuteronomy 21:22-23*

2. If the resurrection did not really happen, why did Matthew and the other gospel writers record that two women were the first witnesses? Based on the culture, why was their witness not seen as credible?
3. Why was Mary Magdalene's witness potentially more damaging to the truth of the resurrection? How was her witness a perfect example of how Jesus viewed people during his ministry?
4. How do we miss the point if we believe what we do determines if we are good or bad/insiders or outsiders?
5. Why is Jesus truly the only one who is good and able to make things right? Why is recognizing we will never be good enough on our own a good thing for us as Christians? Where does our hope come from?

*Read: Matthew 28:2-4, Matthew 27:50-56*

6. What are some of the arguments against the resurrection and how can we confidently defend this truth?

*Read: Matthew 28:5-8*

7. Why was what the angel said to be an encouragement to them? Why should we encourage those who do not believe to come and see?

*Read: Matthew 28:9-10*

8. How have we been challenged to respond to the testimony of these two women?
9. What should you do if you have more questions about what you have heard this week?

## NOTES

### PERSONAL REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

1. What has God shown you as you studied his word this week?
2. Why is there such value in reading and understanding the scriptures we looked at this week?
3. What points in the message encouraged you and gave you hope?
4. How are you doing in your intentional relationship with Jesus this week?
5. How will you personally apply what you learned from the sermon to your life?

### DEEPER

**Pray:** We would get an opportunity to share the good news of the Gospel with someone this week.

**Read:** Matthew 28:1-10, Deuteronomy 21:22-23, Matthew 27:50-56. Take time to reflect on these passages and write down your thoughts. Visit [gatewayepc.org/news](http://gatewayepc.org/news) to read and review the sermon manuscript.

**Write:** Take time to write down your thoughts and insights from the sermon this week. Keeping a journal is just one more tool that you can use to track what God is showing you in your walk with him.

**Sing:** Listen to the worship songs from Sunday throughout the week. Look up the lyrics to each song and spend some time reading them as well.

**Memorize:** As a Life Group, pick a few verses from the sermon and memorize them this week. (Check out the read section for options)

**Love:** Share this message of hope with someone you love.