

JUNE 30, 2024

THE EMPTY TOMB

Pastor Roger Poupart // Mark 16:1-8



PREPARE YOUR HEART & MIND

Begin this time in prayer, confessing any sins you can recall, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word, and asking for His Spirit to guide you in your time.



When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might come and anoint Him. 2 Very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. 3 They were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" 4 Looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away, although it was extremely large. 5 Entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting at the right, wearing a white robe; and they were amazed. 6 And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen; He is not here; behold, here is the place where they laid Him. 7 But go, tell His disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He told you.'" 8 They went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had gripped them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.



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REFLECT/CONNECT

Use these questions for a time of individual reflection or to connect with others in meaningful conversation.

- In what ways were you encouraged by last week's study?

- What's the most surprising news you ever received? How did you react and why?

These questions are designed as a guide for individual study and to foster spiritual conversation with a group of people.

GROW IN THE WORD

- 01.** Very early on the day after the Sabbath, several women bought spices in order to anoint Jesus' corpse with them. On the way to Jesus' tomb, the women wondered who would roll the heavy stone away from its entrance. However, when they arrived, the stone was rolled away and a young man dressed in white was sitting in the tomb (v. 1-5).
- What do you think motivated these women to anoint Jesus' body with spices? How does this desire reflect their faith and devotion? See also Mark 14:3-9.

GROW IN THE WORD

- Why is it significant that these particular women were the first to arrive at the tomb and find that it was empty? Take note of Mark 15:40-41, 47.

- How does the women's concern about the stone demonstrate the limitations we sometimes place on God's power? What do you imagine they felt when they saw that it was rolled away?

02. The young man told the women not to be alarmed, stating that Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified, had risen and was not there. He pointed them to the spot where he was laid, then instructed them to tell the disciples and Peter that Jesus was going ahead of them into Galilee. Trembling and bewildered, the women fled from the tomb and said nothing to anyone because they were afraid (v. 6-8).

- Why do you think the angel specifically mentioned Peter when instructing the women to tell the disciples? What does this reveal about Jesus' care for His followers? See Luke 22:31-34; John 21:15-17.

GROW IN THE WORD

- What do you learn from the women's response to the angel, and how can you relate to the fear and bewilderment they experienced at his instruction?

- How do you want your heart, mind, or life to change in light of this passage?

UPCOMING EVENTS

WORSHIP NIGHT

Wednesday, July 3 | 7 pm | Worship Center

Join us as we pursue community, growth, and renewal. When we worship with hearts abandoned and eyes fixed on Him, our minds and emotions are aligned with the heart of God, and we experience renewal. All are invited to join us each month this summer!

WOMEN'S TOPICAL BIBLE STUDY

July 16, 23, 30 | 7 pm | 111 Ivywood

Join us for a 3-week topical Bible study on the theme, "What are you seeking?" In this study, we will be going through different verses in Scripture regarding seeking the Lord and will include table discussions in a casual, no-homework setting. Learn more online or in our app!