

## Sermon Questions

*He is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed!*

*Matthew 28:1–8 and others*

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### CONNECT:

- What are your favorite Easter traditions?

### GROW:

- Read Matthew 28:1–7. Everyone who loved Jesus was in a state of despair, until they encountered the resurrected Jesus! Have Jesus ever turned your despair into joy? What were the circumstances?
- Jesus said from the cross “Tetelestai—“it is finished.” Nothing more needs to be done by us in order to receive salvation by grace through faith. (See Romans 10:9–10, John 3:16, 1 John 1:9, Ephesians 2:8–9). Does feeling like you aren’t performing well or “doing enough” ever keep you from coming to Jesus in prayer? How can you combat that feeling?
- Matthew 28:6 records the angel saying, “He is not here, for He has risen, as He said” (ESV). Are the promises of Jesus sometimes difficult to remember? Or believe? If so, why? What can you do to remember His promises?
- Who were the people present at the angel’s announcement? A woman’s testimony was considered less reliable than a man’s testimony in ancient Jewish society. How can the fact that Jesus trusted women with the greatest information and (in Matthew 28:9) appear to them FIRST encourage you today?

### GO:

- If you have already received Christ as your savior, how can you keep Him at the center of your Easter celebrations? If you have not and have questions, please reach out to someone! Today can be the day!

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1. Jesus is fully God and fully flesh (human). As God, He is worthy to pay for our sins because He has never sinned. As man, He can be our representative.
2. Jesus is needed as each of us are sinners (Romans 3:23, 1 John 1:8). Sin is any action, thought, motive, attitude or omission outside of God’s perfect standards. Sin deserves eternal and spiritual separation from God, but Jesus offers to pay for our sin by dying for us (on the cross), and then rising again (Romans 6:23; 2 Corinthians 5:21). He is risen (Matthew 28:1-7).
3. Jesus came to save sinners like us (Romans 5:8; Mark 2:17). We are truly saved from our sins and eternal deaths when we believe in Jesus alone as our Savior and Lord (John 3:16; Romans 10:9–10; Ephesians 2:8–9).