



Sermon Discussion Guide

April 9, 2023

Refresh

Read Matthew 27:62-66; 28:11-15 to get the Scripture passage back in your mind.

Discuss

Have you ever doubted the authenticity of the resurrection of Jesus Christ? Why or why not?

Why did the religious leaders give the soldiers money in verse 12? What does this seem to indicate about how the religious leaders viewed this situation?

Why would the religious leaders seek to disperse and perpetuate a lie concerning the body of Jesus? What does this reveal about their own hearts?

What is significant about the gospel of Matthew recording the interaction between the religious leaders and Pilate in verses 62-66? How does this strengthen the case of the resurrection of Christ?

In what ways does the story told by the guards and religious leaders unintentionally point to the reality of Jesus' resurrection? How does this point to God using evil actions to bring about His will and purpose?

How might Christians be encouraged by this passage? Why should this account embolden us to take the gospel to those around us?