

Stewardship Snippet: What does this have to do with us?

Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" Mark 16:2-3

We have journeyed together through the 40 days of Lent. We shared together in the Last Supper of Maundy Thursday. We grieved the Death of Jesus on Good Friday. Now we celebrate Easter.

What does this mean? Has anything changed?

Does this story of the Easter have and anything to do with us?

It has everything to do with us! That's why it happened!

All of us have a story. Our stories are "marked" with struggle. Stories of love and loss. Stories of life and death. Stories of divorce, new beginnings and old habits. Stories about addiction and abuse. Stories about political polarization and differences of opinions. Stories about mishaps and mistakes. Yet here we are, together in worship, singing and praying as the body of Christ.

When I look at us, I KNOW... I AM LOOKING AT DEATH & RESURRECTION.

You see, it's not about changing **for** God... it's about being changed **by** God.

This whole story of God is about DEATH & RESURRECTION.

This whole story of God is about YOU!

What is it in your life that needs to die?

What needs to take on new life?

The stone has been rolled away. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

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