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# Sermon Prep Guide

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## Reading God's Word

Matthew 28:1-20; Romans 1:16

## Discussing God's Word

1. What day of the week is it in Matthew 28:1? Who goes to visit the tomb of Jesus and what do they find?
2. What is the reaction of the guards to the angel? How is it different from the reaction of the women? What does the guard tell Mary Magdalene and the other Mary?
3. What do the women then do in verse 8? What message do they carry to the disciples?
4. What story of Jesus' disappearing body is still spread among the Jews today? Who fabricated this falsehood?
5. Where do the disciples meet Jesus? What are their responses upon seeing Him? What does Jesus first say to them (v. 18-20)?

## Applying God's Word

1. What is the difference in the two types of "fear" found in verses 4-7? How do you fear the Lord – in physical trembling or in awe-struck obedience?
2. Have there been times in your life where you have encountered untruths about Jesus? How should we respond in these situations?
3. Why do you think that some of the disciples doubted when they saw Christ? What are some reasons we doubt God today?
4. What three instructions did Jesus give to His disciples in verses 19-20? What is the hardest part, for you, to obey and why?

## Praying The Word

- » Lord, we ask that You would grant us a proper response to You; not in fear and trembling but with awestruck fear and worship.
- » May we spread this good news to others and combat the lies that were fabricated in Jerusalem on that day.
- » Permit us to live each day for Your glory and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ's all-encompassing authority, for we have nothing to fear and everything to give.
- » Holy Spirit, direct us in obedience to Christ's Commission so that we may fulfill His command to go and make disciples of all nations.