

Message Notes ~ Sunday ~ April 23, 2023

"How Easter Changes Everything"

Faith Makes Us New week 1

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it is was

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

² There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

⁵ The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; <u>he has risen</u>, just as he said. <u>Come and see</u> the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

⁸ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet <u>filled with joy</u>, and ran to tell his disciples. Matthew 28:1-8 Easter confronts ______ and offers us _____

> Faith is <u>the</u> response to ______

"Now faith is being <u>sure</u> of what we hope for and <u>certain</u> of what we do not see" Hebrews 11:1

"That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" Romans 10:9



 "This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" 2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT

Questions to Ponder:

use these with your family, Life Group, with friends or in prayer

- 1. How do you think the women felt when they arrived at the tomb Easter morning? How do you think they felt when they left?
- 2. Why do you think confessing with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believing in your heart that God raised him from the dead is required to be made new?
- 3. Why do you think we have to become new creations in order to experience the fullness of Christ?
- 4. What old ways of living do you need to surrender to God ?
- 5. What new way of living will you ask God to work in your life?