

# MESSAGE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Senior Pastor Marty Grubbs delivered a message on the most important event in Christian history – the resurrection of Jesus. That’s what is celebrated on Easter Sunday, the fulfilment of the promise that Jesus would be raised from the dead, just as he said. This fact is the basis of our faith, if it didn’t happen, our faith would be meaningless. But it did happen. There are facts to prove it. Hundreds of people saw Jesus when he appeared to them after he was resurrected. With scars, not open wounds, he presented himself as living proof. The world has been trying to disprove the resurrection since the day it happened, knowing if they could do that, they could destroy an entire faith. But, evidence provides the verdict of a risen Lord. Our redeemer lives. Hope is alive. He is risen! He is risen indeed!

## SCRIPTURE

*But very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. So they went in, but they didn’t find the body of the Lord Jesus. As they stood there puzzled, two men suddenly appeared to them, clothed in dazzling robes.*

*The women were terrified and bowed with their faces to the ground. Then the men asked, “Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead! Remember what he told you back in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and that he would rise again on the third day.”*

*Then they remembered that he had said this. So they rushed back from the tomb to tell his eleven disciples—and everyone else—what had happened. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and several other women who told the apostles what had happened. But the story sounded like nonsense to the men, so they didn’t believe it. However, Peter jumped up and ran to the tomb to look. Stooping, he peered in and saw the empty linen wrappings; then he went home again, wondering what had happened.*

- Luke 24:1-12 NLT

*If there’s no resurrection, there’s no living Christ. And face it—if there’s no resurrection for Christ, everything we’ve told you is smoke and mirrors, and everything you’ve staked your life on is smoke and mirrors.*

- 1 Corinthians 15:13-14 MSG

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What new thoughts did Marty's message prompt in you?
2. Read Luke 24:1-12. Choose one of the persons in the story, and express what you would be thinking and feeling.
3. This story is told in the other gospels as well. If you have time read Matthew 28:1-10, Mark 16:1-14, John 20:1-29. What additional information about the resurrection is provided?
4. What facts mentioned in the accounts following the resurrection help you place your faith in it?
5. Throughout your life, have you had doubts about the resurrection? Have you been able to resolve those?
6. Read 1 Corinthians 15:13-14. How important is the resurrection to our faith?
7. This is a perfect time to tell your group how you have experienced the risen Lord, how he has transformed your life, and you are living proof of the resurrection.
8. How can we pray for you?

## **PRAYER**

Thank God for sending his Son to save us from ourselves. Confess your faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus, and how this has changed your life. Ask God for ways to meet any doubts you have, to demonstrate in you the power of the resurrection, and use your story as proof Jesus lives. Celebrate the foundation of your faith – He is risen!