

Talk It Over

Questions are prepared each week and are designed to prompt insights, questions, and the life experience of each listener. If these are used immediately following the sermon, it would be much the same as what was done in Israel at the time of the early church.

Read:

Matthew 27:57-66; Matthew 28:1-10

Discuss:

1. Put yourself in the place of the disciples on Good Friday. How do you think they felt? What, besides Jesus, had died for them? What had ended?
2. The sealed and guarded tomb is an image of finality. This reality cannot be changed. What endings have you experienced that have felt final or absolute?
3. Why is the image of "a new day dawning" in Matthew's gospel significant to the Easter story? What does this new day bring? How is this an image of hope for us today?
4. A core teaching of Jesus was that death gives birth to life. How does the resurrection model this? How have you seen this principle work in your own life?
5. How do we process grief and loss in light of the Easter story? What is the place or roll of grief? How does Easter infuse our grief with hope?



Wrap Up:

Share any final thoughts and close in prayer.