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SERMON NOTES



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SERMON NOTES:

The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it. Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment.

~ Luke 23:55-56

In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? **He is not here; he has risen!**

Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’”

Then they remembered his words.

~ Luke 24:5-8

On Good Friday, Jesus suffered and literally bore the curse of all our sins upon Himself. On Sunday we see the epic climax of gospel story. The gospel writes don't spend a lot of time on Saturday. Saturday is the day when the disciples wake up from the nightmare of Friday and life must somehow go on.

Notes: Holy Saturday

Jesus inaugurated the Kingdom of God. He said so. He said with Him and through His first coming, the Kingdom of God is here, but it is not fully realized yet. It will be when He comes back and sets everything right. And so we live in this tension of the Kingdom of God being already here and not yet fully realized. We live in the in-between times.

We know Sunday is coming, but we are often Sunday people living in a Saturday world. How can we live the epic story of Jesus in a Saturday world?

Notes: The tension of *already* and *not yet*

I keep my eyes always on the Lord.
With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.
~ Psalm 16:8

The Spirit you received does not make you slaves,
so that you live in fear again; rather,
the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship.
And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.”
~ Romans 8:15

Notes: E is for Eyes on Jesus

Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything.
~ Philippians 4:6

Notes: P is for Pray

“Come, let us return to the Lord...
After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will restore us...”
~ Hosea 6:1-2

Notes: I is for Introduce Your Fears to Rejoicing in the Lord

Don't just be hearers, but be doers of the Word. Put your trust in God into action. Claim, assert, declare radical trust in God.

Notes: C is for Claim Radical Trust in God

Light has come into the darkness.

It is the good news of God the child, born in a manger, died on a cross, laid in a tomb, risen from the grave, seated at the right hand of the Father, coming back one day to set the world and all creation right. That's the whole story.

He is Risen. He is Risen Indeed!

SMALL GROUP RESOURCE PAGE

Each small group is different.
Feel free to adjust and use what best fits your group.

WARM UP:

- In light of everything going on around us, how are you really doing these days?

ENGAGE:

- What was most impactful to you from this weekend's service?
- Read through Luke 23:50-24:8.

APPLY:

- Do you ever feel like a Sunday person in a Saturday world?
- Which of the four things Rajendra mentioned in his sermon is easiest for you? Which is the hardest?
- Why is praying God's promises important?

PRAY:

- Spend some time individually before the Lord, seeking to hear what God is saying about what we are studying these days. Close with Luke 24:1-8 as a benediction.

GOING DEEPER:

- Suggested resource – *Luke for Everyone* by N.T. Wright
- If you are not in a Small Group, there's at least one that needs you! Get started at damascus.com/groups

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