

Intro –

- On Easter the tendency to want to celebrate, to proclaim Good News
- Hard with so much suffering and death. Almost feels disrespectful to revel

Reminder of Good Friday

- \* In the midst of all of his suffering Jesus kept his on the big picture
- \* He didn't get angry with people who definitely deserved it
- \* He kept finding ways to take care of the people who loved him
- \* He called out to God knowing that he needed to play his role in the plan
- \* Jesus was clear that he had to die so that something new could be born

Question – What do you need to let die to allow God's transformation into your life

Question – Is there any unforgiveness preventing you from moving forward

Exegesis –

- Women came to finish preparing his body because they had to take a break for Sabbath
- They kept up their duty to take care of him
- The men didn't even bother to show – probably still struggling but unable to admit it
- Didn't know how they would even get to the body w/ the stone, but they went anyway
- Jesus had not been crushed by the system – he was alive; so they went straight to tell the male disciples, who doubted except Peter who went to check it out for himself
- Jesus hangs around for 40 days and some see him but many don't it was the job of the witnesses to bring the good news to everyone else.

Key Points –

1. Jesus did not wait around for the ritual
2. Jesus did not stay in the walls of the honored place nor go to the sacred place (Galilee- Matt)
3. Jesus did not save the news for the most revered people

Looking for resurrection -> outside of traditional places, rituals and people (too often these are dead places that have gotten us to where we are)

Good News = out of suffering & death -> resurrection, but we must look in the right places.

Look for Christ in marginalized places, marginalized people and unorthodox ways of being

Then we must be witnesses. Many saw the death but only a few the resurrection

- Scripture reminds us that nature is never confused – Teaser for next week.

Core Questions –

- Where are looking for Christ in this time?
- What people, places or rituals might be preventing you from seeing the Resurrection?
- What is the transformation that you know Christ died to bring – how can you begin to spread that Good News even now in this challenging times?