

## **"He is not here; he has risen"**

### **Introduction:**

- Jesus' crucifixion and burial, emphasizing the sorrow and despair of the disciples.
- Transition into the hope and joy of Easter Sunday with the resurrection of Jesus.

### **\*\*Scripture Reading: Luke 24:1-6 (NIV)\*\***

- Verse 1: "On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb."
- Verse 2: "They found the stone rolled away from the tomb."
- Verse 3: "But when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus."
- Verse 4: "While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them."
- Verse 5: "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?'"
- Verse 6: "**He is not here; he has risen!**"

### **\*\*Point 1: The Empty Tomb**

#### **- Supporting Verse: Matthew 28:5-6**

- "The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.'"
- **Message:** The empty tomb symbolizes the victory of Jesus over death. It fulfills his promise of resurrection, demonstrating his power over sin and the grave.

### **Point 2: The Witness of the Angels**

#### **- Supporting Verse: Mark 16:6**

- "But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him.'"
- **Message:** The angels' proclamation reassures us of the reality of Jesus' resurrection. Their message serves as a confirmation of the fulfillment of God's plan and encourages us to share this good news with others.