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Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023

Sermon Title: **The Brightest Day**

Scripture: **Matthew 28:1-10, Luke 24:13-35**

Speaker: **Pastor Kendall Harger**

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Sermon Notes

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The Brightest Day

Big Idea

Jesus wants to meet with me.

Matthew 28:1-10, Luke 24:13-35

An Empty Tomb – He is Risen

Matthew 28:1-10

-“Come and see the place where He lay” - offers empirical proof of the empty tomb.

-Jesus had promised to go ahead of them into Galilee after He had risen (Matthew 26:32).

-No one in the ancient world would have made women the first ones to hear about the resurrection, given that a woman's testimony was generally not admitted in legal contexts.

Matthew 28:9 – Suddenly Jesus met them.

Jesus comes to meet with them. They didn't find Jesus. Jesus, on purpose, finds them. The women did their part but the actual meeting is up to Jesus.

A Resurrection Appearance

Luke 24:13-35

Luke 24:15b – Jesus himself came up and walked along with them.

This meeting was totally initiated by Jesus. Jesus comes up to them while they are walking and talking. It's as if Jesus wants to connect with them.

What is Jesus wants to meet with you,
what is Jesus wants to meet with me?
Is there something I should do?

Talk It Over

Ice Breaker: What is your earliest memory of Easter?
What is your earliest memory of understanding Jesus' resurrection?

1. Matthew 28:1-10

- Describe the way in which Jesus met the women in this account of His resurrection.
- How did the women respond when Jesus met them? (v9)
- What words of challenge and comfort did the women receive? (v10)
- How were the two women changed by this encounter?

2. Why is it important that we know that Jesus was resurrected? (2 Corinthians 4:14; 1 Corinthians 15:13-19)

3. If an unbeliever asked you, what practical difference does the resurrection of Jesus make in your life? What would you tell them?

4. Luke 24:13-35

- If Jesus showed up among us right now, but we did not recognize Him, what insightful question do you think He would ask this group?
- How does this encounter with Jesus demonstrate both the personal experience of our faith and the knowledge of the truth of our faith? Why are both important?
- What are you doing to: a) build the foundation of truth upon which your faith rests? b) experience the presence of Jesus in a personal way?
- How were the two men changed by this encounter?

5. How are the ways Jesus encounters people today different from these passages? How are they similar?