"I HAVE SEEN THE LORD" John 20:1-18

From Pastor Phillip

Songwriter Andrew Peterson captures the scene of John 20:1-18 in his song *Risen Indeed*: "Look at Peter go, he's racing to the tomb to see. Where has my Jesus gone? He is not dead. He is risen, Risen Indeed. Oh Mary, the sun will rise again. Daughter, listen, He speaks your name." John 20:1-18 is an invitation to come and see the empty tomb, and then to go and tell of your risen Lord!

I. Come and See the Empty Tomb

- A. See the stone rolled away
- B. See the grave clothes folded up

Will you see and believe?

II. Go and Tell of Your Risen Lord

- A. Christ's body is glorified
- B. Christ is ascending
- C. Christ is our brother
 - a. We have an inheritance (Rom. 8:17)
 - b. We are loved
 - c. We are accepted

Will you go and say "I have seen the Lord"?

TO DISCUSS WITH FAMILY OR FRIENDS:

- 1. What are some meaningful Easter traditions your family enjoys?
- 2. What are some evidences that Jesus Christ really rose from the dead?
- 3. How does the resurrection free us from the fear of death in day-to-day life?
- 4. How would your daily life change if the resurrection was on the forefront of your mind each day?
- 5. What specifically encourages you by the truth that Christ's Father is our Father?
- 6. Pray for our Good Friday and Easter services. Who can you invite?