

A. SERMON SCRIPTURE

The King Conquers Death
Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

B. GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Read the Luke account of the empty tomb...Luke 24:1-12.
2. Why is the Resurrection the "linchpin" of our Faith? (Read I Corinthians 15:12-26)
3. Does Christianity have a benefit to humans even if the resurrection is not true?
4. It's one thing to know that Jesus is alive, it's another thing to really know it. When did Christ become a living Lord for you? Explain the difference between a thing known, and a thing tasted. A funereal faith and an alive faith?
5. In what ways do we show that Christ is still alive? Where are the moments when we can say, "He is among us"?
6. Praise and prayer