



# FUSION

CHURCH OF MADISON

Sermon Guide for Tribes

April 9, 2023

Message Title: The Resurrection of Jesus

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10

Now after the Sabbath, as the first *day* of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. <sup>4</sup>And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead *men*.

<sup>5</sup>But the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. <sup>7</sup>And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.”

<sup>8</sup>So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word.

The Women Worship the Risen Lord

<sup>9</sup>And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, “Rejoice!” So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go *and* tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.”

Points of Consideration:

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is:

*Historical (v. 1-6)*

*Personal (v. 7-9)*

*Purposeful (v. 9-10)*

Discussion Questions:

Read 1 Corinthians 15:14. Why is the resurrection such a cornerstone of the Christian faith and the Gospel? What are the implications of a “Savior” who still lies dead in a tomb? If this is quite literally a hill for the Christian to die on, are YOU prepared to defend the resurrection of Christ?

Jesus not only resurrected from the dead, but had personal encounters with hundreds of people in His resurrected state. Discuss a few of these instances and the impact these encounters had on the individuals who witnessed the risen Christ. How were YOU impacted by an encounter with the risen Savior?

The resurrection of Jesus affords His followers hope. Read 1 Peter 1:3-9 and discuss the relevance of this passage to your walk with Jesus Christ. What words/phrases stand out in your mind as you read? How do the truths that you have discussed minister to you TODAY?

## Begin your time of discussion today by praying earnestly over the Sunday morning service!

### You Turn Ministries

- Soccer league outreach
- Pray for nine pastor training schools, and over 200 students
- Pray for the over 80 orphans that You Turn currently supports

### Church Plants!

- Hispanic Church Plant
- Be in prayer for Pastor Roberto and his family and for God to open doors amongst the Hispanic community in Morgan County.
- Pray for consistency from new families visiting the Bible study.
- Walton County Church Plant
  - o Pastor Matt is collaborating with local pastors who have a heart for church planting to place a church in the Walton County area. Please pray that God would raise up a planter and a core group of church members and that God would open doors in the near future!
- Specifically, pray for a planter who will lead this church; this is a huge obstacle for the initial stages of the plant.
- Church leaders involved in this plant are assembling a core group of members interested in facilitating small groups and building its early congregation.

### Life Community Church, Weymouth, MA

**We are offering a missions opportunity to work with our partners at Life Community Church in Boston this summer! We will be working with them during Mobilize 2023, which is July 17-23. It is going to be around \$1200, depending on plane ticket cost. This will include all meals from dinner on Monday through breakfast on Sunday, except for Friday. For more details visit the registration page found on church center or through the link that's been posted on social media as well as on the event in the church calendar. Registration will be closed on April 1st! Strongly consider this great opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus! If you have any questions, please see Ben Doomy!**

- Visit the link below for a ministry partner update from Noah Madden and Life Community!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uCZ-Vdr2AUI>

- A permanent church building to own.
- “Dots on the Map” for future plants
- Continued relationship with Seach Elementary School in Weymouth, MA - Next steps for families who connected with LCC at the Fall Fun Fest
- Office Space for staff

Prayer requests from the LCC newsletter:

1. Would you pray for those we are interacting with at our local school? Pray for those we are showing and sharing the gospel with — pray for them to see and hear the good news of Jesus.
2. Would you pray that those who came to our Fall Fest would visit for one of our worship gatherings this Christmas season? Pray that God would stir their hearts to accept their invitation to come and explore what LCC is all about.
3. Would you pray that God would provide an office space for us to rent that will allow us to engage our community and take steps forward as a team?
4. Would you pray for our members — that God would give us endurance and steadfastness as we serve faithfully without many breaks. Pray that God stirs more people to take ownership of our ministry.
5. Would you pray that God would give us His vision for 2023 as a family and a church? Pray that He would give us wisdom and discernment as we seek to steward our energy, attention, relationships, and finances.

## FCA

- Vision for 2023

  1. Send 200 athletes and coaches to camp
  2. Facilitate 70 huddles that meet weekly, biweekly, or monthly
  3. Hire additional full and part-time staff

## Timothy Initiative

- The East African team has been praying fervently for their field leaders and their families; many of them are experiencing significant health issues and are in need of prayer for both healing and financial provision.

- Pray specifically for Pastor Simon Eloiloi, a key leader in the Turkana mission work. Pastor Simon’s wife and daughters have been battling health problems for over 3 months now. His wife, Oriba Kemunto, is currently in need of a third eye surgery, but the family lacks funds and is praying for God to provide a way for them.

- For both the staff and field leaders, prayer has been requested for grace and motivation to continue in service.

- Pray for these pastors as they minister in often desolate, impoverished places with limited resources and cultural opposition.

- The cost of planting a church through TTI is \$400; consider how your tribe may impact believers across the globe by planting a church through TTI!

## **Nursing Home Ministry**

- Daniel and Karrah Howell have recently spearheaded an effort to bless our local nursing home community. Specifically, we as a church are collecting items for which residents regularly ask. Below is a list that designates which items each tribe is collecting, and we would greatly appreciate your help!

**Young Adult Tribe-little Knick-nacks, Yarn**

**Young Married Tribe-Adult coloring books, Cotton balls**

**Married & Singles Tribe-Nail polish remover, Men's aftershave.**

**Married(no childcare) Tribe-Devotional Books**

**Empty Nesters Tribe-Body Spray/Perfume**

**6th-12th grade Boys Tribe-Can soda/store brand(orange, grape, ginger ale) 6th-12th grade Girls Tribe-Little Debbie snacks/crackers/cookies**

**Married w/kids(McBay)- Bodywash, Emery boards, Deodorant, Bangle bracelets**

**Encore Senior Adults-gloves, stocking caps**

**Married Tribe(Broach)- Turbins, Bandanas, scarves**

**Please see Daniel or Karrah if you have any questions!**