



## Community Group Questions

### Read the verses: Matthew 27-28

1. It's interesting to me that no one really questions the documented history about how Jesus died on a cross, but there are many who struggle to believe the documented history of how Jesus rose from the dead.

Even when secular historians approach the Bible only as a historical document, almost all accept these three things as facts.

- 1) Jesus was killed by crucifixion under Pontius Pilate;
- 2) His disciples believed they saw the resurrected Jesus and
- 3) The tomb where Jesus was buried was empty.

2. What evidence does Matthew give us for the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus? (Additional eyewitness testimony in Acts 1:3, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20, Acts 1, and 1 Corinthians 15)

3. What do you think caused the disciples to desert Jesus (6:56) and Peter to deny Jesus (26:69-75)? What do you think the women were afraid of when they went to the tomb of Jesus on that Sunday morning (28:1-4)?

4. What does Matthew record as the very first message of the Resurrection Story? (28:5-10) Why is that significant?

5. When you read the Book of Acts, what contrast do you see in the lives of the disciples before the resurrection of Jesus and after?

6. Why do we need that same message today? What are your top fears?

7. How can the Resurrection of Jesus and the message of the Gospel help you let go of your fears?