



**CALVARY
MEMORIAL
CHURCH**

Luke 24:1–12 (ESV)

¹But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared.

²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel.

⁵And 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? ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.”

⁸And they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now 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, ¹¹but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

¹²But 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.

Romans 8:18–25

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.

²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

“He is Risen!”

April 5, 2026, Easter Sunday

But how does Jesus’ resurrection
affect evil and our suffering?

Romans 8:18-25

1. Present suffering is temporal!

Suffering (18), futility (20), bondage to corruption (21), groaning (22,23), pain (22), can’t see (25).

→ our present suffering is used by God to strip away false hopes and idols and build Jesus’ character into our lives.

2. Our future resurrection is eternal!

Glory (18), to be revealed (18,19), freedom (21), childbirth (22), redemption of our bodies (23), hope (24-25)

Revelation 7:17; 21:4

→ Never lose sight of God’s big purpose:

Based on and secured by the resurrection of Jesus culminates in your resurrection! Freedom and glory!

Our resurrection!

“For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.” 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

→ Wait with profound certainty (hope)!

> with patience yet eagerly longing for Christ’s return, our Blessed Hope!

Application questions on the back →

--- "He is Risen!" ---

April 5, 2026

SUNDAY after church...

Think through your morning and: 1) List and praise the Lord for specific encouragement you were able to give! 2) List and praise the Lord for specific encouragement you received! 3) List songs or lyrics that touched your heart.

MONDAY

DISCUSSION STARTER: From your notes on the front, why is suffering (and evil) so hard to accept? Read James 1:3-5 and write out how suffering has built Jesus' character in your life. Be as specific as you can.

How do you see suffering tear down false hopes and idols from your soul?

TUESDAY

DISCUSSION STARTER: From your notes on the front, write out how focusing on suffering can cause us to miss God's bigger purpose in our life.

WEDNESDAY

DISCUSSION STARTER: From your notes on the front, how does the fact of Jesus' resurrection assure you of your own future resurrection? Write out what your future resurrection is (1 Thessalonians 4:14-17).

THURSDAY and FRIDAY

DISCUSSION STARTER: From your notes on the front from Romans 8, write out how you should be waiting for the return of Jesus.

SATURDAY

Prepare your heart for Sunday's gathering by being ready to fully engage in the worship.