

Sermon Discussion Guide

Series: Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026



Big Idea

The resurrection of Jesus changes everything! Proving that through Him, our failures are not final, and we are invited into new life, hope, and restoration.



Icebreaker

Resurrection Sunday (Easter), in many ways, is tied to something very unexpected happening (a dead man rising to life!). What's a time in your life when something turned out completely different than you expected? Was it better, worse, or just plain surprising?



Discussion Questions

1. Read **Mark 16:1-3**. The women approached the tomb with a real obstacle and no clear plan. What was it? What "stones" (obstacles, fears, or uncertainties) are you currently facing in your life? In all honesty, how are these things impacting your faith (i.e. causing doubt, distraction to it, resulting in a deeper/"leaning into" it, etc.)? How does the woman's willingness to move forward anyway challenge or encourage you?
2. Read **Mark 16:4-6**. The women expected death but encountered resurrection. Can you share a time when God worked in a way you didn't expect? How did that experience reshape your faith or perspective? What is a current way in which, or an area of your life where, you feel the need to see God work? Do you ever find yourself expecting, just a little too much, how He should work and when; and if so, what are the dangers in this?
3. If you are doing this guide alone, look up and read **Mark 8:31, Mark 9:31, and Mark 10:33-34**. If you are doing this guide in a group have 3 different Individuals look up and read one of these verses/set of verses to the group. What do the readings have in common; what is Jesus clearly communicating? Why do you think that despite such communication the disciples were still surprised at what occurred? We, today, still often forget, or overlook, God's promises in difficult moments? What are some practical ways we can hold onto His truth more consistently?
4. Read **Mark 14:27-31 and Mark 14:70-72**. Based on these readings, put yourself in Peter's sandals. How do you think he is feeling about himself and about the news he hears regarding Jesus' resurrection? What may he have felt like when that first encounter with the resurrected Jesus happened? Can you relate to these feelings in any way based upon your journey?
5. Read **Mark 16:7**. What does the phrase "and Peter" reveal about Jesus' heart toward those who fail? How does this shape the way you view your own past mistakes? What were your emotions or thoughts on the video testimony within the sermon from Easter Sunday?



Concluding Question

In what subtle ways might people today deny Jesus? Read **1 Peter 1:3**. What does it practically look like to live with "living hope" in your daily life? How would your decisions, relationships, or outlooks change if you more fully believed that your failures (even prior denials) are not final & that Jesus is, in fact, the living hope?



Prayer

Next Sunday across our Revive Wesleyan Campuses believers in Christ will step into what's next for them and be baptized! As they do so & as testimonies are shared would you pray for the grace of God to be very "thick" in our worship spaces?