

Sermon Discussion Points for



Calvary Chapel Groups

Sunday, April 5, 2026

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First

Read Matthew 28:1-10 – On the morning of the resurrection, Jesus followers were filled with grief and sorrow. This grief and sorrow would soon be replaced by inexpressible joy. Jesus was alive! The resurrection changed everything for them, and for us.

Vs. 1 – Sunday Started with Grief

1. Why is it significant that the women came expecting Jesus to still be dead?
2. How did they remain devoted to Jesus even though they believed He was dead?
3. How have you personally experienced grief or deep disappointment?
4. What does it look like to “look to Jesus” in seasons of grief?
5. Do you tend to bring your grief to God—or keep it to yourself? Why?

Vs. 2-8 – Grief Turned to Joyful Wonder

1. What does the empty tomb *plus* the angel’s message tell us about the resurrection?
2. What is the significance of “fear and great joy” happening at the same time?

3. Can you share a time when something went from really disappointing to unexpectedly joyful?
4. How would your daily life change if you continually lived in the reality that Jesus is alive?
5. What is one area of your life where you need to replace despair with resurrection hope?

Vs. 9-10 – Wonder Turned to Worship

1. What was the women’s first response when they encountered Jesus?
2. Why is worship the natural response to encountering the risen Jesus?
3. What does it mean that Jesus *accepted* their worship?
4. If worship is the natural response to the resurrection, what might that reveal about our hearts when we *don’t* worship?
5. What keeps you from worshiping Jesus more fully?
6. How is sharing the good news of Jesus with others an act of worship?