

# Sermon Study Guide – April 1st, 2018:

## *Today's Focus – "Death Rolled Away"*

1) Thoughts to get you started...

- ◆ As we celebrate Easter Sunday, we will see that not only was Christ's death rolled away, ours will be too.
- ◆ What's challenging about this focus? In what ways might it seem impossible for this to happen?

2) Today's Message: Mark 16:1-8

*When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. <sup>2</sup>Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb <sup>3</sup>and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.*

*<sup>6</sup>"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'" <sup>8</sup>Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.*

3) What does God want you to know today?

*Throughout the sermon, consider...*

How does today's sermon show you your sin? (i.e. What's the law?)

How does today's sermon show your Savior? (i.e. What's the gospel?)

Law:

Gospel:



*Feel free to answer the following questions to help you follow the sermon...*

1. What did Jesus mean to Mary Magdalene?
2. Yet, how did she react to the news of his resurrection? Why?
3. Likewise, what problem do we naturally struggle with in regards to today's theme?
4. Still, what proof was there that Jesus had indeed risen?
5. What alone can change the way we view death?
6. What's still true despite how we might *feel* about death?

#### 4) Taking it Home:

*Consider the following as you go about your week:*

- ◆ At the end of the sermon, we made the point that Easter is even more about hope than joy. Is that the way you typically think of Christ's resurrection? Where can that truth make the resurrection more meaningful in your life?
- ◆ In the Easter season, we'll continue the worship series, "Rolled Away." Before starting this series, what other problems can you see "rolled away" *because* death is rolled away? How's this change how we look at all other problems?

*Read these sections of the Bible to reinforce this week's truths:*

**Monday:** Isaiah 25 (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

**Thursday:** John 11:1-44

**Tuesday:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-26 (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading) **Friday:** Luke 8:2, Mark 15:33-47

**Wednesday:** 1 Corinthians 15:35-58

**Saturday:** *review* Mark 16:1-8