

# THE VERIFICATION OF THE RESURRECTION

Mark 16:1-8

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The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Community Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at [www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons](http://www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons).

## CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- Were you able to attend one of the Good Friday and Easter morning services at Saylorville? What are some images/statements/reminders that stuck out to you from those services?
- What are some simple, but important, changes that you might make because of what you have experienced this Easter season?

## APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time. Is there anything you need to **follow up** on this week?
- **Review** your Sermon Notes together. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you learned?
- **Read** this week's passage together. In his message, **Pastor Pat reminded us of several ways that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is verified, or proven to be true.**

### Intro:

- If you're a follower of Jesus, what are some evidences that helped convince you that the story of the gospel is absolutely true?

### Verifiable Evidence that the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is True:

1. **There are several biblical proofs that Jesus rose from the grave. Can you point to specific passages in Scripture that speak to the following proofs?**
  - Jesus' Empty Tomb
  - Multiple Witnesses of Christ's Resurrected Body
  - Multiple Appearances of Jesus After His Resurrection
  - Christ Remained on Earth for 40 Days After Rising from the Dead
2. **The evidence of changed lives is perhaps the greatest proof that Jesus rose from the grave.**
  - *After Jesus rose from the dead, the angel told the women at the empty tomb to "Go tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee..." (Mark 16:7) Peter is one of the best examples of a life that was changed because of the resurrection.*
  - That precious phrase, "and Peter" means that:
    - You are not forgotten by God. As a group, talk about some ways Peter was used by God after the resurrection.
    - You are included by God. What are some ways that God has included you personally in His plan and His providence?
    - You can be redeemed by God. Who is the person in your group that has been saved most recently? Ask that person to briefly share why they are grateful that they are redeemed.

***It's hard to argue with a changed life. Has your life been changed?***

## PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- As a group, spend several minutes thanking God for what He did, and what He continues to do, during the Easter season. Then pray that your life will provide verifiable evidence that the gospel is true!

