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Everything Has Changed

Matthew 28:1-10



Background:

He has risen... He has risen indeed! Something happened that first Easter that makes all the difference in the world. Something happened on that first Easter that brought a new reality into our world. Something happened that first Easter that had never happened before, and it changed everything. Join us this Easter Sunday as we explore the resurrection account from Matthew's Gospel and "see" how everything has changed. *(Illustration: The Biggest Story Bible Storybook, Kevin DeYoung and Don Clark)*

Sermon Text (ESV):

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1 Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 2 And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. 4 And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. 5 But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is

going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” 8 So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

Discussion Questions:

- Preparation
 - What is one thing you hoped to talk about today/tonight?
 - What question(s) did you come away with from the sermon?
- Sermon Questions
 - As you reflect on the sermon, what stands out to you most?
 - What does Easter mean to you?
 - God not only makes promises, but he keeps promises: the Promise-maker is a Promise-keeper. How has he proven faithful to you?
 - Shawn preached that because of the resurrection, everything has changed. He gave us six different aspects to consider. Which of these are most meaningful or new to you?
 1. Death → Has been defeated
 2. Fear → Fades and is replaced by freedom
 3. Jesus → Can be trusted; We can count on His promises
 4. Good Friday → Really is “Good”
 5. Jesus → Is at work in the world today
 6. Jesus → Is with us, in us, and will never leave us