

LIFE Community Sermon Notes

**Encounters
With Jesus**

*Today is Where
Your Book Begins*

Matthew 28

The Resurrection

1After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

2There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. 4The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

5The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. 7Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

8So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. 10Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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Sunday, Mar 23

Big Idea: Those who encounter Jesus are given the opportunity to write the future story of their lives according to God's plans and not according to the history of their past.

Key Verse:

Matthew 28:9

"Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. "

Opening Question: What was your Easter experience like?

Questions in **bold** below are suggested focus questions.
Sections in *italics* and/or parenthesis are for the leaders.

Read the passage

Discussion Questions

1. For this week's study share together about your Easter experience.
2. Spend some time sharing as a group or in smaller sub-groups your individual stories, even sharing where you felt the Lord might be challenging you to move. What might the future of your life look like now that Jesus has met you?

Leaders Notes

Have a relaxed group this week. Share openly with each other and pray together about the future stories God might do in your lives.