

**31 March 2024 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group**  
**“The Resurrection Is Not Good News to Some” -- Matthew 28:1-20**

Questions to Answer from the Text:

1. Who came to the place where Jesus had been buried? When did they come (v. 1)?
2. Who was at the tomb waiting for the women to come? What did he look like (vv. 2-3)?
3. What had happened that caused the massive stone in front of the entrance of Jesus’ tomb to be moved away from it (v. 2)?
4. How did the guards at the tomb react to this person’s arrival (v. 4)?
5. What the message given to the women (vv. 5-6)?
6. What were the women to do (v.7)?
7. Whom did the women see when they were leaving the tomb (v. 9)?
8. When some of the guards recovered and told the priests and elders what happened at the tomb, what did the Jewish leaders do about it (vv. 11-13)?
9. When Jesus’ disciples went to Galilee to see Him, how did they respond when they saw Him (v. 17)?
10. What did Jesus tell His disciples to do (vv. 19-20)?

Questions to Ponder and Reflect upon the Teaching and Applications Based on the Text:

11. How have the contributions, testimonies, and gifts of godly women been under-appreciated in the Church?
12. How has the prominent place that the godly women who first saw Jesus after His resurrection and the honor that came from this been over-emphasized and wrongly interpreted to the point of overturning the divinely-ordered roles of leadership that God has established in the Church? [As an example of this faulty interpretation, see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bNo0HjmvhHM>, especially at 2:47. How would you answer this pastor?]
13. Evaluate the claim that the disciples stole Jesus’ body during the night while the guards were asleep. What would be convincing about this story? What would be unconvincing?
14. Why is presenting evidence for the resurrection of Jesus usually insufficient to convince most non-Christians of the fact of His rising from the dead?
15. Suppose you convince someone that Jesus rose from the dead (which He truly did) based purely on rational or empirical means apart from Scripture. How would you determine what this means and why?

16. Can a person believe that Jesus rose from the dead and still refuse to follow Him as Lord and Savior? Why or why not?
17. Why do you believe in the resurrection of Jesus; or, why do you not believe in the resurrection of Jesus?
18. What is the New Jerusalem? Where is it? What is its function? Who belongs in it?
19. Is it possible not to respond but to remain neutral and uncommitted one way or the other after hearing the message that Jesus rose from the dead?
20. If the resurrection were not true, how would your life be different?