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Study Guide

Easter



The Resurrection Changes Everything

Mark 16:1-8 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> 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.

## Thoughts & Questions to Fuss With:

1. Until the women approached the tomb, they had been watching from a distance. There are many who continue to watch from a distance. As followers of Jesus who are up close and personal with him, how can we help the "watchers" take a step closer to Jesus?
2. List the myriad of emotions the women might have experienced from the crucifixion to the Resurrection.
3. What are the three things the Angel said to the women?

What was the importance of each statement?

4. Thomas' outlook changed when he saw the resurrected Jesus. Who are other people in the Bible whose outlook changed when they encountered the resurrected Jesus?
5. Describe a specific time that the Resurrection (hope and faith in Jesus) has changed your outlook on a situation.
6. How do you think Peter felt when he heard Jesus wanted to meet with him even after he had denied he knew Jesus?
7. Why should Jesus initiating our reconciliation with him effect our own reconciliation with others?
8. Describe a fear Jesus helped you overcome.
9. The Resurrection changes even more than our outlook, relationships, and fears. What are other things does the Resurrection change? Can you think of specific scriptures that support your thoughts?