



Sermon Overview

Good Friday and Easter Sunday are foundational in the Christian life and the fabric of the universe! The cross tells us that we are redeemed – liberated by the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ. The resurrection tells us we are his – in his righteousness to live forever.

Use the following discussion questions to internalize the cross and resurrection – the glory and the challenges. Consider how God has called you to be a disciple and make disciples at Briarcliff Church

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Getting Started

1. How does the resurrection influence and inform your life today? How have you turned that into worship of God and discipleship of others?

Starting with God

2. What are we to learn from the fact that the witnesses and people showing faithfulness here to Jesus are Joseph, a Pharisee (15:40-47), women (16:1-8) and a Roman centurion (15:39, 44)?
3. Read Mark 16:7. What is the significance of the angel's assignment to "go, tell his disciples and Peter?"

4. Why does Mark take such care to show that the resurrection was a historical event? Why does that matter?

Living God's Word

5. The gospel accounts end (directly or indirectly) with the command to go and make disciples. How would you evaluate your own discipleship from what Jesus has commanded? How could you improve your obedience to him?

Prayer

*Father God,
Thank you for Jesus. Thank you for his humble birth, perfect life, atoning death and glorious resurrection. Please change my heart to value you more than anything else that I may please you and disciple others intentionally.
Amen.*