

TAKEAWAY



THE RADICAL KING

Matthew 27:57-66 – The grave, the story & the seal

In line with our goal to be a church of disciples who make disciples, this session is focussed on action, so that we are 'doers of the word' and not just hearers/people who enjoy a good discussion! It encourages focussed practical outcomes in the lives of the individuals in the group so that our discipleship as followers of Jesus is deliberately pursued.

DESIRED OUTCOMES

You don't necessarily need to discuss these, but be aware as a leader.

- To see the importance of the 'in between passage' after the crucifixion and before the resurrection.
- To understand that our sin was buried with Jesus, and that this is life-changing.
- To know that the resurrection is a historical fact.

SHARE

The resurrection of Jesus is the most important thing that ever happened. Do you truly believe that it did? Why or why not?

READ

Matthew 27:57-66

DISCUSS

Between a reading of the passage and any recollections from Sunday's message, how can we have confidence that the tomb was definitively sealed and secure? Why does this matter?

Our sin was buried with Jesus – although we still sin day-to-day, it is no longer part of who we are. Did you know this? How is this truth supposed to affect how we live?

Some people worry that the idea that all of our sin – past, present and future – is buried with Jesus might make us feel free to go and do terrible things! How would you respond to this concern? Why does our sin being buried actually lead to the opposite – lived devoted to obeying God?

How much have you ever looked into the reasons why we can have confidence in the resurrection?

If a friend who is not a Christian asked you why you believe it, what would you say?

WATCH

You might find it helpful to watch these videos as a group:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4qhQRMhUK1o>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6SbJ4p6WiZE>

DISCUSS

Having watched these clips.

Why is the resurrection 1) the game changer for the Christian message and 2) Wonderful news?

PRAY

TRY IT OUT

Dedicate some time reflecting and learning more about why you believe the resurrection – check out the videos on YouTube about the resurrection (It might be good to forward these to the group). What do you make of them?

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You may like to read some great books on the topic of Jesus' resurrection:

Who moved the stone? – Frank Marison

The Resurrection of the Son of God – N.T. Wright