

# HISTORICAL FAITH: THE RESURRECTION

## Week 1: Empty Tomb

### **Key Scripture**

“Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.’” And the religious leaders gave the soldiers money and told them, “Tell people, ‘His disciples came and stole the body’.”  
Matthew 28:10,13

### **Main Takeaway**

Jesus Christ was a real person that really lived in a real time. Jesus is really God, who really lives right now. We can trust that the tomb is empty because He is risen!

#### **Start Talking:**

Share about the one thing that you hate to find empty and why.

#### **Start Praying:**

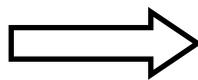
Dear Jesus, This is no mystery, no scandal, no fairy tale, no lie: You are risen just as you said! We celebrate and rejoice in you. We love you. Amen.

#### **Start Studying:** Read Matthew 27:62-28:15

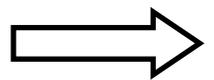
- What were the religious leaders and the soldiers trying to make sense of?
- What was the disciples’ reaction, not just to the empty tomb, but also the risen Jesus?
- What were the soldiers afraid of and how did the leaders’ bribe assuage that fear?

#### **Start Applying:**

- Why do you think the religious leaders would have motive to spread the story that Jesus’ body was stolen? And the soldiers?
- What motive could the disciples have had to steal Jesus’ body?
- The message and truth of Christ’s resurrection has stood the test of time and overcome the skepticism offered throughout the centuries.
- What about the events of the resurrection pokes holes in the lie that the guards then tried to tell that ‘someone had stolen Jesus’ body’?
- Have you ever conversed with someone who objected to Christianity on this level when talking about the resurrection of Jesus?
- If yes, share about that. Regardless, take a moment to look at the resurrection story in all four gospels. Share which details stand out to you the most and encourage you in your faith that Jesus is risen!



**Fill out Biblical Equipping**



#### **Finish in Prayer:**

Dear Heavenly Father, Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed As he Said, Alleluia. I appreciate all that you have done for me. Be with us now as we part ways. Amen

# NOTES

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## BIBLICAL EQUIPPING

The Bible passage I will focus on is:

The part of this passage that caught my attention is:

I will apply this passage to my life by:

Before next meeting, the impact God had on me through this verse was: