

Sunday, April 9, 2023

Portraits of a Saviour Risen – Matthew 28:1-10

Read/Reflect

- 1. Read Matthew 28:1-10. Compare Matthew's account of Jesus' resurrection with the other gospels: Mark 16, Luke 24, John 21. What stands out to you in Matthew's account?
- 2. What are the similarities and the differences between the the guards and the women as they witness the empty tomb? Compare also the story each set of characters are given: the women (Mt. 28:7), the guards (Mt. 28:13).

Explore

- 3. How do you come to believe in Jesus' resurrection?
 - □ The gospel accounts are so convincing.
 - Li's been proven.
 - I just do.

- □ I'm not sure I do believe it.
- It's not possible.
- Other:_____
- 4. The women have great fear and great joy (vs.8), and upon seeing Jesus they grasp his feet and worship Compare this with how you come to worship Jesus each Sunday? What emotions and expectations do you have that are the same or different from these women at the empty tomb?
- 5. What difference does Jesus' resurrection make for living your life?
- 6. Is Jesus' resurrection compelling enough for you to tell others about it? In what ways does your life communicate the hope that is in Jesus' resurrection?

Pray

- Praise God and thank him in the context of this entire weekend, from Friday remembering his death and the transformation it has brought to the world, to his resurrection and the affirmation that all authority over heaven and earth now belongs to Jesus the King.
- Pray that in your own life you will live in the resurrection power of our Lord and King.