

**Bible Study – March 31, 2021**  
**Alive in Me – Matthew 28:1-10**

“After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Easter is full of celebration and joy. We find it in a basket full of gifts and the abundant new life of Spring. In all of these activities, we see the story and hope of Jesus. He has offered us gift upon gift in what he did for us. When we trust in him, we find an abundance of new life and hope. And, in all we do, we are called to worship and celebrate him.

**What are some safe ways...we can celebrate JESUS this EASTER?**

During Easter, we celebrate everything Jesus has done for us and look forward to the ways we can serve him here on earth.

**What are some of the ways we can serve him on earth?**

**DISCUSSION**

1. After his crucifixion, Jesus’ followers were afraid, and maybe even thought that the things Jesus said were not true. But Jesus’ death was not the end of the story. In this session, we’ll take a deeper look at Jesus’ resurrection, the reason we celebrate Easter.  
*Read Matthew 28:1–10.*

When Jesus was resurrected, the soldiers guarding his tomb became afraid, but the women were astonished and amazed. His resurrection proved that Jesus was who he had claimed to be: the Son of God, our savior.

**What do you think it means for Jesus to be “alive” in you?**

2. When the women at the tomb met Jesus, they fell down and worshipped him.

**If you trust Jesus as your Lord and savior, what does it look like for you to worship Jesus even when you are not physically inside the church?**

3. Even if you have put your faith in Jesus, you may still have some questions or doubts. That is okay!

Because Jesus is alive in us, we are called to live like Jesus in our schools, neighborhoods, teams, and at home. *Read the great commission in Matthew 28:18–20.*

**What does Jesus command us to do as Christians?**

**What would it look like for you to tell others about Jesus and what he has done for you?**

4. At the end of the Great Commission, Jesus gives us a comforting reminder: he will be with us always. Jesus is alive in you. No matter where you go, no matter what he asks you to do, Jesus will never leave your side.

**In what ways can you remind yourself this week that God is with you throughout each day?**

## **LAST WORD**

Jesus' work did not end two thousand years ago. He took our place in his life, death, and resurrection and is alive in his church – his people today. He was betrayed, forsaken, accused, and punished in our place so that we could be forgiven and spend eternity with him.

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