

From sermon on April 3rd & 4th

Knowing Jesus Easter

Text: Matthew 28:16-20; 1 Corinthians 15:17-19

Purpose: Celebrating Easter means celebrating Jesus' resurrection and ascension. We'll look at why these are important, but also discuss some of the doubts that people might have about Easter.

Opening Question: *What's your favorite Easter candy?*

Read and Discuss: Matthew 28:16-20; 1 Corinthians 15:17-19

1. *Why do you think "some doubted" in Matthew 28? In what ways do you think people (Christians and non-Christians) struggle with doubt?*
2. *What would you say to someone who says they can't trust that the Bible is accurate? Why do you think the Bible is accurate?*
3. *How does having eyewitness accounts of Jesus' death, resurrection and ascension build your faith?*
4. *In 1 Corinthians 15, why do you think Paul says "if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile"? What would it mean if Jesus wasn't raised from the dead?*
5. *Why is the resurrection of Jesus so important for our lives?*
6. *What hope do you have because Jesus was raised from the dead?*