

Follow up Questions from message on Sunday, April 16, 2017

Easter – Everything Changed!

Reread John 20:1-8

How can one day change anything? Easter is just another day with candy and colored eggs right? Wrong! Easter is the celebration of an amazing historical event – when an innocent man gave his life to save humankind – and that wasn't the end of the story...

1. Name a favorite bible movie. How were the characters portrayed, strong or weak? How does that compare to actual accounts from scripture?
2. In the message Pastor Jon noted that religion is something that emerged in the gap between the undeniable and the unexplainable. Or between the answers to big unanswerable questions of life. Can you think of a religious belief that science dismantled?
3. Easter is about something that happened, an event in history in a town you can visit. More than an answer to the unanswerable, the early Christians claimed something happened that Jesus promised would happen. How does that help us today?
4. Take turns reading through John 20:1-18. In what ways does this account sound different than a 'fairy tale'?
5. Some believe that Mary's confusion of Jesus' identity as the gardener to be symbolic. Jesus restored the harmony lost between humanity and God lost in the Garden of Eden. When have you experienced Jesus nurturing the harmony in your life?
6. How do you think Mary felt when Jesus called her name? What are the ways that we can hear God calling us or communicating to us in our daily life?
7. What can we do to get into a better "posture" to hear Jesus?
8. What does it mean to be Easter people?