

PREACHING CURRICULUM



SERMON TITLE: Why the King Reigns

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 24:1-12

Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.

1

REVIEW THE SERMON

Read Luke 24:1-12. What were the women expecting to find when they visited Jesus's tomb early on the Sunday morning?

What did the women discover when they arrived at the tomb? How did their discovery defy all of their expectations? How did they respond?

How did the apostles initially react when the women told them about the angels and the empty tomb? Why do you suppose they reacted this way?

Why were Jesus's early followers so shocked by his death and so slow to believe in his resurrection, especially when he had told them ahead of time that it was going to happen?

2

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Why do you think people so often respond with skepticism and doubt regarding the claims of Jesus, and particularly his resurrection? Do you ever respond that way yourself? If so, why?

How do we know that Jesus's resurrection is a real, historical event and not just a legend? How might you defend it against a skeptic?

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APPLY THE TRUTH

What difference does it make that Jesus rose from the dead? Why does it matter? How does his resurrection impact our lives today?

How does Jesus continue to far exceed our greatest expectations? Why is he worthy of our complete trust and devotion?

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COMMIT THIS WEEK

What might it mean to live in light of Jesus's resurrection this week?