

Weekly Study Guide

The Week of April 7, 2013

Daily Readings

Monday	Matthew 28:1-10	Tuesday	Mark 16:1-8	Wednesday	Luke 24:1-12
Thursday	Luke 8:22-25	Friday	Luke 24:36-46	Saturday	Proverbs 9:10

My notes on this week's readings...

Next Week in Worship

Next week's message: *The Aha Moment*

Next week's readings: Zechariah 9:9-12, 12:10, 13:1; Luke 24:13-35

The stories of the empty tomb are really just the beginning of the Easter story. Jesus appeared many times to his disciples over a period of about 40 days, and one of the most famous of those appearances happened along the road to a town called Emmaus. Join us next week to learn more about the meaning and power of the risen Jesus.



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Group Discussion

Connect	<p>What amazes you? What kinds of things cause you to marvel and wonder?</p>
Learn	<p>Read the stories of Jesus' empty tomb in Matthew 28:1-10, Mark 16:1-8, and Luke 24:1-12.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take note of each reference to some kind of fear, amazement, or wonder.• Why do you think the various witnesses to the empty tomb act this way?• What do the various characters do with their fear and wonder? <p>Notice the reaction of the women in Matthew 28:8 in particular. They were filled with fear and joy at the same time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What do fear and joy have to do with each other?• What kinds of things could cause this mixture of response? <p>Resurrection is an act of power that is far greater than ours. It's not something we can manufacture, control, or leverage. We can only marvel at it and receive it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What things make you wonder or marvel at the power of God?• This week's message suggested that Sabbath practices can be a way of depending on God's power. Do you have any Sabbath practices, any patterns of ceasing from your own doing to remind you of God's power?
Apply	<p>As you have read and discussed today's Bible readings, do you think God is leading you to any kind of next step? How will you respond to that?</p>
Pray	<p>Pray for any next steps you sense God leading you toward, and pray for an increased sense of wonder at God's powerful gift of life.</p>