



Sermon Discussion Questions

Death Interrupted // Matthew 28

- What kinds of interruptions seem to bother you the most? What have been some good interruptions to your life?
- Both the angel and Jesus tell the women not to be afraid. What other things does Jesus tell his disciples not to fear in the gospels? What things frighten or concern you, especially in this pandemic? How does knowing that Jesus is alive bring a joy that is greater than our fears (v.8)?
- See John 20:11-15 and Mary weeping over Jesus' death. What losses would Jesus' followers have felt in his death? What losses are you grieving? How does Jesus' resurrection put our grief in context?
- Twice (Matt. 28:5-7) the angel tells women that Jesus has risen, as he promised. How does seeing the risen Jesus transform the disciples (Luke 24:11, 36-49)? How has this pandemic challenged or changed your hopes and plans? How can seeing the risen Jesus give you a better and bigger hope?
- Jesus assures his followers that "all authority in heaven and on earth" is given to him (Matt. 28:18). How does that promise give you confidence? Whom do you know that needs the encouragement, hope, joy, or confidence from seeing the risen Jesus?



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