

MSG: DISCOVER LIFE

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 28:1-6 NLT
SZN 2: REVIVAL THROUGH LOVING
REVIVAL EASTER 26

Matthew 28:1-6 NLT

“Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb. Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint. Then the angel spoke to the women. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying.”

INTRO:

RVL MENTALITY

DISCOVERY: WE SEEK TRUTH EVERYWHERE

It’s in the curiosity, it’s in the discovery, it’s with the utter frustration of remaining in a place of loneliness, remaining in the place of stagnation of a place of compromise and comparison where we have to seek truth. The real.

A rejection of the phony, the pretentious, a rejection of fake

When we get so frustrated with the lies that spew out of the White House, the windowing lies of white supremacy and the deception that the media peddles and the constant capping that scrolls across your social media timeline.

We become desperate to discover truth

When you’ve been lied to by a president, when you’ve been lied to by history, when you’ve been lied to by the culture, when you’ve been lied to

1. DISCOVER LIFE IN THE CROSS

Matthew 27:35-39 NLT

“After they had nailed him to the cross, the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice. Then they sat around and kept guard as he hung there. A sign was fastened above Jesus’ head, announcing the charge against him. It read: “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.” Two revolutionaries were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. The people passing by shouted abuse, shaking their heads in mockery.”

THE CROSS REVEALS THE BETRAYERS

Matthew 26:49-50 NLT

“So Judas came straight to Jesus. “Greetings, Rabbi!” he exclaimed and gave him the

kiss. Jesus said, "My friend, go ahead and do what you have come for." Then the others grabbed Jesus and arrested him."

BETRAYAL IS NOT BENEATH BELIEVERS THE CROSS REVEALS THE MOCKERS

Matthew 27:28-31 NLT

"They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him. They wove thorn branches into a crown and put it on his head, and they placed a reed stick in his right hand as a scepter. Then they knelt before him in mockery and taunted, "Hail! King of the Jews!" And they spit on him and grabbed the stick and struck him on the head with it. When they were finally tired of mocking him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him again. Then they led him away to be crucified."

MOCKERS ARE NOT BLOCKERS

-THEY CAN MOCK YOU BUT THEY CANT BLOCK WHAT GOD IS DOING IN YOU, THROUGH YOU AND FOR YOU

THEY CAN MOCK IT BUT THEY CAN'T BLOCK IT

2. DISCOVER LIFE IN THE TOMB

Matthew 27:59-61 NLT

"Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a long sheet of clean linen cloth. He placed it in his own new tomb, which had been carved out of the rock. Then he rolled a great stone across the entrance and left. Both Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting across from the tomb and watching."

THE TOMB EXPOSES THE DEAD THINGS THAT CAN NO LONGER LIVE

Your old way, your old mentality

THE TOMB EXPOSES THE LIES THAT WE CAN NO LONGER LIVE BY

It had to die otherwise we would continue to live in the deception

3. DISCOVER LIFE IN THE EMPTY TOMB

Matthew 28:5-7 NLT

"Then the angel spoke to the women. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there. Remember what I have told you."

THE EMPTY TOMB FORGIVES MY PAST

THE EMPTY TOMB GUARANTEES MY FUTURE

John 14:6-7 NLT

“Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is. From now on, you do know him and have seen him!””

WHO'S READY TO DISCOVER LIFE TODAY?