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John 19:38–20:10

This Changes Everything: The Linchpin in God's Plan

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SUMMARY

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the linchpin of the entire Christian faith. Without it, our faith would be "futile" (1 Corinthians 15:17). When we are facing distress, disorientation, and disengagement in our faith, we can look to the power of God in the resurrection of Jesus Christ for help and hope.

REFERENCES

- [ ] 1 Corinthians 15:17–19
- [ ] Luke 23:51
- [ ] Romans 6:5-6
- [ ] John 3

INTRODUCTION

Read John 19:38–20:10. What do you see? What stands out?

DISCUSSION

- [ ] Re-read this passage. In what ways is the resurrection of Jesus a center-piece to our faith? Why is it so important?
- [ ] Read John 19:39-40. Josh talked about Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus who prepared Jesus body for burial and who placed Him in the tomb. These were men who previously had been afraid to come to Jesus (John 3 and Luke 23:51). What do you think prompted them to be this bold and direct as to spend all of this money, time, and risk to do this now?
- [ ] Read 1 Corinthians 15:17–19 and Romans 6:5-6. What difference does it make knowing that because Jesus was raised from the dead, you will be too? How does that impact how you live?
- [ ] Josh talked about the Greek words for 'saw' referring to when Peter and John looked into the tomb. Read John 20:5 and 6. The first word is 'observe', the next is 'investigate' and the third is 'inward conviction'. How might this relate to your own story of coming to Jesus and seeing Him rightly?
- [ ] Read Revelation 1:17-18. How does the reality of the Risen Christ fuel your worship, awe, and devotion?

THIS WEEK:

- [ ] Evaluate the areas where my faith is lacking and pray for God to grown it.
- [ ] Confess to someone I trust where I have disengaged with God's work in my life, and ask them to help me get back on track.
- [ ] Read all of John 20.
- [ ] Memorize 1 Corinthians 15:17.