

Easter Sunday

O Happy Day!

Message Text: Matthew 28:1-10

April 3/4, 2010

A Morning Filled with Mourning

A Jolt from mourning to fear

Fear Mingled with Great Joy

....And They Worshiped

Go Deeper:

- 1) How do you respond when you have one of those mornings that you would rather just pull the covers over your head and sleep through what lies ahead?
- 2) Read Matthew 28:1-10, what stands out to you about this account? Why?
- 3) How do we know that these women were not expecting to find an empty tomb?
- 4) How has the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus changed the course of history?
- 5) Why is Jesus' resurrection so important?
- 6) If it were you instead of these women on that morning how do you think you would have responded differently? How the same?
- 7) What is it about Jesus that brings great joy into your life? What is it that brings immense reverence/awe/fear?
- 8) What would be the equivalent today of the worship of the women in v.10?
- 9) In what ways do we tend to walk more by sight than by faith today? Where is God stretching your faith right now?
- 10) Spend some time reflecting on specific ways in which our risen savior, Jesus Christ, has turned your mourning into dancing. Take some time to worship Him.

Next Steps:

- I am walking more by sight than by faith in some areas of my life right now and need to surrender those areas to Jesus fully trusting Him to direct and act.
- I am lacking joy in my life. This week I will spend time reflecting and rejoicing in Jesus by listing all the blessings in my life. When I am tempted to focus on circumstances and people in a negative light I will pull out my list and review it.
- I need a revival in my heart. My worship of Jesus is dry and lifeless. I will daily read Matthew 28:1-10 this week and ask God to revive my lifeless heart to worship him as the women did when they encountered their risen Savior.
- Write in your own: _____