

Taking it Home:

1. Speaking of Jesus, the centurion said, “*Surely he was the son of God.*” Is this your confession? If not, what is standing in the way? Invite the Lord to remove these barriers.
2. What in the passage or message would be helpful to you in sharing the gospel with those who do not know Jesus? Take some time to pray for unbelievers who attended the Easter services.

Prayer Concerns:**Love Has Won!**

Matthew 27:45-54; 28:1-10 [Page 1548]

Answers from the cross and empty tomb:**1. Am I loved?**

The cross says _____!

2. Is God knowable?

The curtain was _____!

3. How do I find my purpose?

The kingdom _____!

4. What is my destiny?

The resurrection _____!

Will you believe?

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started:

1. If you could ask God one question, knowing you would get an answer, what would it be?

Digging Deeper:

Read Matthew 27:45-54; 28:1-10

1. If you've followed Christ for a while, the resurrection account can lose its power. Did anything from the reading or message resonate with you and help bring fresh meaning to the story?
2. What did Jesus mean when he cried, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" [Matt. 27:46]. Why is it significant that God turned His face from Christ? How does this impact you?
3. What is the meaning of the supernatural events that happened when Jesus died? How and why did these events so deeply effect the centurion?
4. A familiar phrase says, "The kingdom of God is both now and not yet." What does it mean for you to live in the kingdom of God here and now? How will this differ from living in the "not yet" kingdom that is on its way?
5. What is your understanding of what happens to believers after they die? Where will they go? What will they become? What does Christ's resurrection teach you about life after death? Read Philippians 3:20-21, 1 Corinthians 15:12-24, 35-44. How do Paul's words confirm your understanding?
6. Why is it helpful to know that Jesus wanted to meet with His disciples after the resurrection? Who in your sphere of influence might not feel worthy right now to meet with Jesus? How might the Easter story help make the gospel more accessible?