

Main Idea: In the midst of our sin, God did the unexpected and moved toward us through Christ.

Connecting

Are there any creative ways you've maintained Easter traditions?

Have you noticed any positive developments in your life from this stay-at-home lifestyle?

Understanding

Read Mark 16:1-3. How would you describe what the women might have been thinking or feeling as they went to the tomb? What might their expectations have been?

Read Mark 16:4-8. Why do you think Peter was singled out? What do you think the women were thinking or feeling as they went away *from* the tomb?

Why do you think the phrase "He has risen" is the cornerstone of the Christian faith?

Read Romans 5:8 and 1 Peter 1:8. How does God move toward us? Without this move where would we be?

What's most remarkable to you from all these remarkable verses?

Living

In what ways have your hopes or plans been disrupted over the past few weeks? In what ways have you felt God draw near to you recently?

Describe a time when God's plans turned out better than your own. What did you learn about God? What did you learn about yourself?

Can you relate to Peter? Was there ever a time when you thought you were 'too far gone' like Peter?

Romans 5:8 says, "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Take time to pray and thank God for moving toward us to provide a way for us to be close to Him forever.

Thank God for the gift of faith, and for the "inexpressible and glorious joy" described in 1 Peter 1:8.

Next Week: New Series: Take Heart