### SMALL GROUP RESOURCE

Jesus is alive and wants to meet me.

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

John 20:1-9

John 20:10-18

John 20:19-23

John 20:24-30

Luke 24:13-24

Luke 24:25-35

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

Mary Magdalene – John 20:10-18

How do you feel when you visit a cemetery?

How would you respond if your closest friend had died and

been buried, but now the burial place was empty?

What are the simplest explanations for Mary's inability to recognize Jesus?

Why does hearing her name spoken bring instant recognition? How would you respond if you heard Jesus calling your name and you knew without question that He was talking directly to you?

Thomas - John 20:24-31

Why didn't Thomas believe? What do you think Thomas was thinking and feeling when he said he wouldn't believe without touching Jesus?

Tell about a time when you needed to experience something with one of your five senses before you would believe it was true.

How have you touched Jesus and what difference has that made to your belief?

Road to Emmaus – Luke 24:13-35

How well did the two traveling companions know Jesus? What do they tell us about Jesus through their conversation with Him?

When did they recognize Jesus?

What would it be like to share a meal with Jesus?

### **PRAYER FOCUS:**

Praise God for life.

Let Jesus know that you need Him.
Thank God for treating you as an individual.
Let Jesus know that you want to meet with Him.

### **FAMILY RESOURCE**

Big Idea: Jesus is alive and wants to meet me.

### **READ MARK 15:42-47**

Who knew Jesus was dead?
Have everyone write down what happened between 5 & 7 PM last night.
Compare what you have remembered.

### **READ MATTHEW 27:62-66**

Who else thought Jesus was dead?
What did they expect to happen?
What did they do about it?
Place a seal overnight on the refrigerator door.

### **READ MATTHEW 28:1-10**

Who saw the angel?
Who saw Jesus?
Who was the last person you talked to on the phone?
How do you know who it was?

### **READ MATTHEW 28:11-15**

What did the women do?
What did the guards do?
Draw a picture of what you would do to get a lot of money.

### **READ MATTHEW 28:16-20**

Did everyone who saw Jesus believe who He was?

What did Jesus tell them to do?

What did Jesus promise?

Do you believe Jesus came alive again?

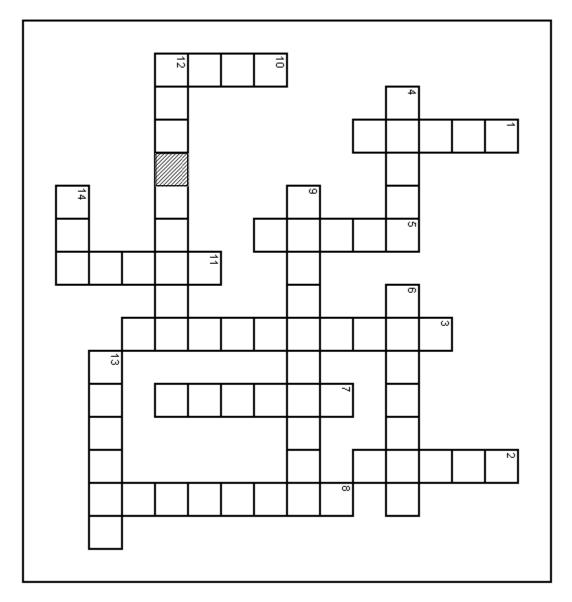
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All clues are from the NIV version of the Bible



### Across

- 4 He rose from the dead (Matthew 28:5)
- 9 weren't sure (Matthew 28:17)
- 9 when this happens the ground shakes (Matthew 28:2)
- 12 this was rolled away Matthew 27:60)
- $\frac{1}{3}$ safe (Matthew 27:64)
- 4 happiness (Matthew 28:8)

### Down

- heavenly messenger (Matthew 28:2)
- not dead (Matthew 28:6)
- honored (Matthew 28:9)
- Ò take without permission (Matthew 27:64)
- soldiers (Matthew 28:4)
- liar (Matthew 27:63)
- 5 place where you put a body (Matthew 27:60) \$\$\$ (Matthew 28:12)

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