

April 21, 2019

## Easter Sunday

La Jolla Christian Fellowship

### Rolling Stones

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#### Mark 16:1-9

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. <sup>2</sup>Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb <sup>3</sup>and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'" <sup>8</sup>Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

**It is often true that a handful of key events will shape the trajectory of your life. How you respond to these is what will define your existence.**

- Many of these expose a stone and a tomb.

**The faith-filled life never asks that you move your own stones.**

- **Vs. 3-4** *"They asked each other, 'Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?' But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, **had been rolled away.**"*

**Faith does require the prerequisite and ancillary actions that lead to and support the work of a miracle.**

- **Vs 2** *Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb.*
  - **Life change happens at the tomb.**

**The miracle needed to be buttressed by a meaningful response.**

- **Vs. 7** ***But go**, tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you."*
  - **The power of conjunction— "But go"**

**The life of faith juxtaposes fear and miracles.**

- **Vs. 8-9** *"He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.*
  - **When was your last miracle?**

## EXPLORE FAITH IN 2019

Are you interested in exploring faith? We invite you to join us for the next six Sundays to see if faith is something that you want to incorporate into your life.

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