

# Sermon Discussion Guide

March 12, 2023

Sermon Title: "Resurrection Stories: See and Be Transformed"

Sermon Text: John 19:31-42

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## 1. Truths I'm Affirming

It is important for us to regularly slow down, sit, be still, and look at Jesus.  
(Luke 10:41-42)

The finished work of Jesus transforms us, raising dead hearts to new life.

God uses our encountering Jesus to take our silent, private faith and propel us to bold, public faithfulness. In the resurrection, we can find the confidence to be Jesus' witnesses.

John wants us to see that, in dying on the cross, being buried in the garden, and resurrecting on the third day, Jesus is the great bridegroom who went into the garden to claim his bride, the church - all who will repent and believe in Him.

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## 2. Questions I'm Asking

What keeps me from slowing down and regularly sitting at the feet of Jesus?

What things in my life do I need to reprioritize or give up in order to spend more time looking to Jesus?

Have I been holding back, like Nicodemus and Joseph, content with a private faith, afraid to step out in courage to share my faith and live on mission for the gospel of Jesus?

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## 3. Actions I'm Taking

Commit to reading through one of the gospel accounts between now and Easter Sunday.

Set aside regular time to slow down and reflect on the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus.

Take some time to write down my testimony and share it with someone. Invite your friends and family to do the same.

Make plans to attend the Good Friday service at CF Cherrydale on April 7 at 6 p.m.