THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING

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BIG IDEA: Jesus physically died and rose again, and thru these events a new reality has broken into our sin-sick world—into our sin-sick lives.

¹ Early on the first day of the week... Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running... "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb... running... looked in at the strips of linen lying there... as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head...He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back...

¹¹ As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb... two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away, and I don't know where they have put him."

¹⁴ she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

¹⁷ Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' " ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!"

1. In the resurrection, a <u>NEW CREATION</u> has been birthed.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. <u>Through him all things were made</u>; without him nothing was made that has been made. [creation]... He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but <u>born of God</u>. [new creation 3:3, 5-8] John 1:1-3, 11-13

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, <u>the new creation has come</u>: The old has gone, the new is here!" **2 Corinthians 5:17**

2. Through the resurrection, Jesus now shares <u>HIS</u> <u>RELATIONSHIP</u> with his Father—we are now family!

"I pray... that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also <u>be in us</u> ... I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them." **John 17:21, 26** (1 Jn. 3:1)

3. Jesus <u>IS ALIVE</u> and has passed through death into a new order of existence.

"I gave up all that inferior stuff so I could <u>know Christ</u> <u>personally</u>, <u>experience his resurrection power</u>..." **Philippians 3:10** Message