

# BEYOND SUNDAY

God's Big Story — 4.5.2026

## **Easter Sunday: When the King Came Back** — Mark Tumney

### **Gather**

*These questions help build connection and ease into the theme of the message.*

- When you've made a mistake or let someone down, do you tend to move toward them or avoid them? Why?
- What comes to mind or how do you feel when you hear the phrase: "What if He is alive?"

### **Grow**

*These questions help us engage the Scripture and understand what God is revealing.*

#### **1. Read: Luke 24:1-12, 36-39**

- What emotions do you see in the women and the disciples at the empty tomb?
- Why do you think their first response wasn't joy, but confusion and fear?
- In what ways were the disciples "hiding"? (physically, emotionally, spiritually)
- How does their response mirror what we see in Genesis with Adam and Eve?

#### **2. Looking at Luke 24: 6-8**

- The angels say, "Remember..." Why is remembering important to faith?
- What are some things Jesus has said that we tend to forget when we're afraid or uncertain?

#### **3. Look again at verse 36**

- Why is it significant that Jesus leads with peace instead of correction or disappointment?
- What does this teach us about God's heart toward people who have failed?

#### **4. Read Luke 24:39**

- Why does Jesus show His scars instead of hiding them?
- How does this help us understand the true meaning of grace?

## Give / Go

*These questions help us apply what we've learned.*

- Where in your life are you most tempted to "hide" from God right now?
- What is one practical step you can take this week to step out of hiding and receive Jesus' peace? (some examples might be: prayer, confession, talking with someone, returning to community, etc.)

## Prayer

Spend time inviting Jesus into the places where you've been hiding. Receive His grace and peace together as a group.

### **Group Prayer Question:**

- How can we be praying for each other this week as we step out of hiding and walk in the peace of Christ?

**Close your time together by reading these words of Jesus as a prayer over each other:**

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you... Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." — John 14:27*

## Going Deeper

*If you'd like to explore this week's themes further:*

- **Podcast:**
  - I love forgiveness...Maybe - Become New Podcast:
    - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9YfntW85sHM>
- **Practice:**
  - Visio Divina: Use the guide on the following page to do this practice
- **Book:**
  - [God's Big Picture](https://a.co/d/067sLAnE) by Vaughan Roberts. <https://a.co/d/067sLAnE>

## Practice: Visio Divina



Pray for God to speak through this practice.

**Read Luke 24:36-39 once.**

**Take a few moments to look at this picture and consider:**

- What do you notice about the characters?
- Who do you identify with?
- What would you be thinking about if you were there?

**Read Luke 24:36-39 again.**

- What words or phrases stand out to you?
- How does viewing this picture help you understand this scripture a bit more?

**Read the passage again.**

- Is there anything God is speaking to you through this passage?
- How is God calling you to respond?