

# THE STORY

THE BIBLE AS ONE CONTINUING STORY OF GOD AND HIS PEOPLE

## CHAPTER 27 – THE RESURRECTION

### DISCUSSION OF GENERAL QUESTIONS

- ❶ What is God saying?
- ❷ For what does this section lead me to give thanks? (See God’s grace and promises!)
- ❸ What sins does this section lead me to confess? (See God’s expectations for his people)
- ❹ For what does this section lead me to pray? (As you ponder the Word, what needs of heart and life for yourself and others come to mind? Consider every word you read as an invitation to turn it into a prayer you speak back to your Lord!)

**Key Events:** Jesus’ burial and resurrection, Jesus appears to his followers, Jesus reinstates Peter.

### DIGGING IN

- 1) When the women came to Jesus’ tomb on Easter Sunday morning they saw an angel who told them, “Do not be afraid...” Make a list of ways that Easter drives away our fears.
- 2) When Jesus walked with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus they admitted that they had hoped Jesus was the one who would redeem Israel. Instead of immediately revealing his identity to them Jesus began teaching them what the Scriptures had said about the Messiah. Can you think of any Old Testament prophecies that Jesus may have mentioned to these two disciples? In your own experience, how has studying the Old Testament been a blessing to your faith?

- 3) Jesus showed himself to his disciples and revealed what their mission would be: “And repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.” (pg 386) Is it enough to simply tell people, “Jesus loves you!” when witnessing to them?
  
- 4) Thomas doubted that Jesus was really alive. What kind of skeptics might you compare him to today? Jesus satisfied Thomas’ doubts. What might you say to the person who demands to see evidence before he or she will believe?
  
- 5) Jesus said, “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” (pg 386) What did he mean?
  
- 6) In his “Great Commission” Jesus commanded that his disciples would go make more disciples. How are disciples made? How do we carry out this Great Commission today....as a church?...as individual Christians?
  
- 7) Read 1 Corinthians 15:15-23 to see the significance of Jesus’ resurrection. What would it mean for us if Christ had not been raised? What hope do we have because he has been raised? How do we celebrate this truth as Christians?

Chapter 28: New Beginnings  
Bible Reference: Acts 1-10; 12