

# Sermon Discussion Guide for I AM Worship Church Garden Of The Empty Tomb

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We hope this material will continue to minister as the sermon was preached during our weekly worship service. When we receive God's Word at church, we need not only to hear the message, but we ought to walk it out in our daily lives. We should "be doers of the word, not only hearers." (James 1:22)

**Step 1:** GET TOGETHER with your family or group.

Step 2: REVIEW the key points and scriptures from the message.

Step 3: SHARE with your group what God is saying to you through the message.

Step 4: PRAY together, for each other and over each other to continue to walk this word out.

### The Big Idea

On Resurrection Sunday, amidst various Easter traditions in churches across the world, the central truth remains steadfast: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

Through an exploration of Messianic prophecies and the events surrounding Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, we uncover the profound reality of His identity as the long-awaited Messiah.

His fulfillment of over 300 prophecies, including His birth, death, and burial, attests to His divine nature and purpose in redeeming humanity.

#### **Don't Miss This Point!**

The fulfillment of Messianic prophecies serves as compelling evidence of Jesus' identity as the Messiah. Isaiah 7:14 foretells of His miraculous birth from a virgin, Micah 5:2 predicts His birthplace in Bethlehem, and Isaiah 53:9 describes His burial in a rich man's tomb.

These prophecies, among many others, establish Jesus as the chosen one, uniquely qualified to fulfill God's plan of salvation.

#### **Another Great Point!**

The empty tomb of Jesus symbolizes the triumph of resurrection truth. Mark 16:1-8 recounts the discovery of the empty tomb by faithful women, signaling Jesus' victory over sin and death. His death on the cross paid for our sins, His burial put away our sins, and His resurrection prevailed over our sins.

The resurrection of Jesus embodies the ultimate victory and offers eternal hope to all who believe.

#### **One Last Point!**

Jesus' invitation to be born again resonates as the pathway to salvation and eternal life. Mark 8:36 poses a sobering question about the value of one's soul, emphasizing the necessity of spiritual rebirth.

Romans 10:9-10 underscores the simplicity of salvation through confession and belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.



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Resurrection Sunday beckons us to respond to this invitation, embracing the life-transforming power of the risen Christ.

#### Let's Be Doers!

As we reflect on the truth of Christ's resurrection, let us respond with faith and action:

- Embrace Jesus as the fulfillment of prophecy and the Savior of humanity, acknowledging His divine identity and redemptive work.
- Rejoice in the victory of resurrection truth, finding hope and assurance in the empty tomb and Jesus' triumph over sin and death.
- Respond to Jesus' invitation to be born again, surrendering our lives to Him in faith and receiving the gift of salvation.
- Commit to living out our faith beyond Easter Sunday, actively participating in the community of believers and sharing the message of salvation with others.

May Resurrection Sunday not only be a day of celebration but a catalyst for renewed faith, transformed lives, and a deeper commitment to following Jesus Christ.