Scripture Texts

1 CORINTHIANS 15:17
If Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins.

LUKE 24:1-6
Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen!”

JOHN 20:11-16
But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. Then they said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?”

She said to them, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.”

Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?”

She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, “Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away.”

Jesus said to her, “Mary!”

She turned and said to Him, “Rabboni!” (which is to say, Teacher).
Big Ideas

1. For the believer, every Sunday is Easter Sunday because we never cease to worship the resurrected King.

2. God always has the final say.

3. If the grave could not hold Him, then it will not hold us either.

4. Jesus is alive and that changes everything.

5. We are planted in soil today that carries resurrection potential. We are not too far gone. We are not too old or too young. We are not too broken or too dirty. The One with salvation power turns graveyards into gardens.

6. God still calls us by name.
Questions & Takeaways

• How often do we still today seek the living amongst the dead?

• How often do we think God is missing from our moment when, in fact, He is standing right in front of us the entire time?

• There are two types of people in the world: unforgiven sinners and forgiven sinners. Which are we?