

We continue with “Season 2” of Dr. Baucom’s sermon series on 24 hours in Jesus’ life. Last week, we ended “Season 1” with the cliffhanger. This week, we’ll explore the surprise start of a new day in his sermon “**You’ve Been Told**”.

1. Have you ever experienced a jaw-dropping surprise? Something you really didn’t expect to happen, but did.
 - Was it hard to take in?
 - What feelings came over you at that moment?

Easter Sunday starts a new day for the shocked and grieving followers of Jesus, as well as for the observers and opponents.

2. **Read and reflect on Matthew 28:1-7.** Sit with this passage for a few minutes. Then **reread it** again, listening for the key characters who are a part of this portion of Jesus’ story

What do you imagine the start of this day would be like for each of these? Use your imagination and put yourself in the place of each of the characters in this story as they heard that Jesus’ body was gone.

- Peter
- John
- Thomas
- James
- Mary Magdalene & Mary
- Roman Guard
- Angel
- Chief priests & elders

3. Read **Matthew 28:1-7**, & **Mark 16:1-8**; it could have been an “ordinary” Sunday, but now there’s a surprise.
 - What do you think Jesus’ followers thought when they learned his body was no longer in the tomb?
 - According to **Luke 24:9-12**, why do you think it was so hard for the 11 disciples to believe what the women were saying about Jesus’ resurrection?
 - Read **John 20:3-10** to see how the disciples responded.
4. Read **Matthew 28:5-7** & **Mark 16:5-7**.
 - What were the ‘new orders’ the women were given?
 - What emotions would they feel when the angel told them their instructions?
 - How did they respond?
5. Read **Matthew 28: 9-10** & **John 20:11-17**. How do you think encountering the risen Jesus changed His followers’ actions and emotions?
6. Read **Matthew 28: 11-15**.
 - What makes the cover-up story of Jesus’ disciples stealing the body a plausible story?
 - Why do you think people believe(d) it?
 - Is it easier to believe the human version or God’s version?
7. Dr. Baucom talked about the women being told to go to the “rendezvous” point (v.7). What’s your rendezvous point with Jesus? What has He told you to do?