



"Responding to the Easter Good News"
Matthew 28:1-10 (ESV)

Thoughts to Ponder on Easter

1. The Easter Good News: Jesus has been let loose in the world and He wants to change our hearts and lives.
 - a. In what areas of your life are you desperate for a change?
 - b. In what areas of your life would you welcome a change?

2. When the women told Jesus' disciples He was alive, they initially thought the Resurrection was "an idle tale and they did not believe." (Luke 24:11 ESV)
 - a. You've heard the Gospel accounts of the Resurrection for years; do you doubt the Easter Good News?
 - b. If so, have you ever considered that your failure to make that faith connection could be fueling your sense of unfulfillment?

3. Like the others, Peter initially doubted the Easter Good News: but then, “Peter rose and ran to the tomb.” (Luke 24:12a ESV)
 - a. The path to faith in the Easter Good News often begins with doubt followed by curiosity; are you on this path? If so, where? If not, where is the path you’re on taking you?
 - b. Close mindedness, not doubt, is the greatest obstacle to faith; do you believe God could do something new in your life?

4. Those who believe the Easter Good News live transformed lives that make a transforming difference in the lives of others.
 - a. With whom have you shared the Easter Good News?
 - b. Do you trust God to make a positive difference in your life?
 - c. Are you facing everything life throws at you with confidence, even death?

