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**Sermon Title: Easter Sunday: The First Easter Sermon**

**Speaker: Richard Villodas, Lead Pastor**

**Scripture: Mark 16: 1-7**

**16** When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. <sup>2</sup>Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb <sup>3</sup>and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

<sup>4</sup>But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

<sup>6</sup>"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'" (NIV)

#### **Sermon Outline:**

On Easter we are reminded of who Jesus is. He was more than a teacher, preacher, healer and a prophet. More than all of this, He is the King of King, Lord of Lord, the Risen King, Savior of the World and the greatest teacher who ever lived. His resurrection is good news for all of us.

In today's scripture we see three women visiting the tomb of Jesus looking to anoint his body. Instead, they find the empty tomb and are greeted by an angel. The angel spoke to the women proclaiming he words below, words that are still necessary for us to hear today.

**Don't be alarmed.**

**You are looking for Jesus.**

**He is Risen!**

**Just as he told you.**

#### **Sermon Summary:**

The Lord is Risen!! This Sunday, Richard Villodas, Lead Pastor, leads us in our Easter Sunday sermon, where he will explore the first sermon recording on the Sunday Jesus rose from the dead. The words of the sermon have stood the test of time and can still transform our lives today.

#### **Sermon Questions:**

1. How does this scripture connect for you the topic that was discussed today? What words resonate with you? Why?
2. In your family of origin, when you were taught about power, what type of picture or example was offer to you? Did this view of power point towards the world's standard of power or were you taught about looking to a power outside of yourself? Do you still hold the same view of power today? Journal your answers to these questions, offering them up to God.
3. **Don't be alarmed** is the first statement the angel says to the women at the tomb. These words are not words of denial but instead a reminder that God is with us. We are reminded not be dominated by fear because God is with us, no matter what is going on in the world around us. Are

you walking around today with fear that is holding you back from the love of Christ? Are you able to hear and believe that God is with you no matter what is happening around you and despite all of the danger you see in our world today?

4. **You are looking for Jesus** was the second statement that the angel says to the women at the tomb. These words remain true today, as we are all seeking and longing for Jesus. Do you know what you're truly longing for? Where are you putting all your hope in today and what is fueling your longing? Are you able to not place your longings on the finite things of this world, which can never truly satisfy your longings? Instead can you offer your seeking and longings up to God, knowing that nothing but the love of God can satisfy these longings?
5. **He is Risen!** Is the third statement of the angel. The resurrection challenged the fundamental theology of the Jewish culture during this time. Jesus's resurrection is to remind us that we will be resurrected one day, where we will enter into the fullness of God. This statement also emphasizes Jesus's power and authority. Because he has already conquered death, we will also conquer death. God's resurrection power has a way of showing up our darkest days and nights. If you are experiencing a dark time in your life right now, offer this up to God asking for his grace, wisdom and guidance where you may need.
6. **Just as he told you** is the last saying the angel proclaims to the women at the tomb. This statement reminds us that God's word is trustworthy. Jesus lets us know if we follow him, we will truly live. He lets us know that he will never leave us, nor forsake us. Have you experienced a time in your life where you felt as though God had forsaken you? What was that experience like for you, and can you hear now that even during that period in your life, God was with you and never left you?