

# HE HAS RISEN

## CENTRAL TRUTH

In this week's passage, we learn about Jesus's death and resurrection. **Through Jesus's work, believers have new life.** Like the women who found Jesus's empty tomb, we are called to both worship Him and to share the good news with others. The gospel is news worth sharing!

## KEY QUESTION

- 🔍 **Why do you think Matthew includes the detail about the curtain in the temple? What did Jesus accomplish for us?**

The curtain Matthew spoke of veiled off the holiest portion of the temple, the part only the high priest could enter. The tearing of the curtain shows us that Jesus is also the great High Priest who has made a way for us to have direct access to the Lord. Jesus' death on the cross accomplished, or finished, this work on our behalf.

## KEEP IN MIND

- 📌 While it may seem like a small detail, women being the first people to witness the resurrected Jesus is not insignificant. Using the **History Note** to guide you, show students that this fact points to the reliability of the Gospel writers' accounts.
- 📌 The women in this passage were instructed to share the good news of Jesus with others. We, too, are called to do the same, but students may feel intimidated by this. Help students to see that we are simply sharing our story, Jesus' story of His death and resurrection, and how belief in Him has transformed us.

## APPLICATION

- 📌 **What does it mean to receive new life as a result of what Jesus accomplished?**

## THE WIN

**FOR THE STUDENT:** Through Jesus's death and resurrection, believers have new life and can enjoy a relationship with the Lord.

**FOR THE LEADER:** Easter is a time of joy and celebration as we reflect on the finished work of Christ. Think of some small ways you can make the small group time feel joyful and celebratory as you help students reflect on all that Jesus has done.

## 7 ARROWS

- 🔄 What does this passage say?
- ⬆️ What does this passage tell us about God?
- ⬅️ What did this passage mean to its original audience?
- ↔️ How does this passage change the way I relate to people?
- ⬇️ What does this passage tell us about the human heart?
- 🔄 How does this passage prompt me to pray?
- ➔️ What does this passage demand of me?