

S E R M O N O U T L I N E



**WHAT  
HAPPENED AT  
EASTER?**

COMMUNITY CHURCH

B R I G H T O N C O M M U N I T Y C H U R C H



<sup>1</sup> On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

<sup>4</sup> While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, ‘Why do you look for the living among the dead?’ <sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: <sup>7</sup> “The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.” <sup>8</sup> Then they remembered his words.

<sup>9</sup> When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. <sup>10</sup> It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.

<sup>12</sup> Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

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GREATEST  
QUESTION  
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LUKE 24

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ROMANS 1

<sup>2</sup> the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures <sup>3</sup> regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, <sup>4</sup> and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.



**OUR** POINT 2  
**GREATEST**  
**NEED**

COMMUNITY  
BRIGHTON  
CHURCH

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**ADDRESSED**

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<sup>19</sup> ‘What things?’ he asked.  
‘About Jesus of Nazareth,’ they replied.  
‘He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people.’  
<sup>20</sup> The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; <sup>21</sup> but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel.

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POINT 3

**OUR  
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ENEMY**

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**DEFEATED**

COMMUNITY

BRIGHT

SMITH

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JOHN 11

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; <sup>26</sup> and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?’

# REFLECTION QUESTIONS

What are some questions about Christianity that trouble you? How can we continue to believe with confidence despite our doubts and unanswered questions?



What is your greatest felt need at this time? How does the death and resurrection of Christ put that need in perspective?



If you discover tomorrow that you have a terminal illness and only 3 months left to live, how will you feel? What if that happens to someone close to you?

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*JOHN* 3:16

**For God so loved the world  
that he gave his one and only Son,  
that whoever believes in him shall  
not perish but have eternal life.**