Happy Resurrection Day!

Message Summary: The resurrection of Jesus Christ addresses our fear of death, our hope for the future and confidence to move forward and serve the Lord. Let this Easter be a point of reference to remind us to go and tell what we have experienced. Tell people that the empty tomb makes for a full life. Jesus said, *"Rejoice!...Do not be afraid. Go and tell"* (Matthew 28:9,10).

THE EMPTY TOMB

Matthew 28:1-10

Angel said COME and SEE so that you can GO and TELL. (VV.6,7)

1. COME - into the tomb.

2. SEE - the place where the Lord lay.

- A. See the humility of Christ.
- B. See the reality of Sin.
- C. See the mortality of men.
- D. See Victory over death.
- 3. GO quickly.
- 4. TELL His disciples that He is risen from the dead.

QUESITONS: All LifeGroups on Spring Break until April 8th

OPEN IT – (10 min) If you could go back in time and witness any historical event, which one would you choose? Why?

EXPLORE IT- (60 minutes) Read Matthew 28:1-10 and review Sunday's sermon outline together and any additional notes people made during the message.

- 1. If you can mentally place yourself at the tomb of Christ on that first "Easter morning," what emotions would you be feeling?
- 2. Why is the Resurrection important to us as Christians?
- 3. How might you answer a skeptic who argued that Jesus didn't really rise from the dead?
- 4. Why should we be interested and motivated to tell others about this amazing historical fact of the resurrection of Christ?

APPLY IT- (15 min) In what practical and realistic ways can you become more effective this week in spreading the Good News about Jesus Christ?