Message Summary: The crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ offer hope for eternal life for all who believe. As we consider the events just before and after Jesus was raised from the dead, we'll be challenged to make a decision. First glimmer of hope that there was eternal life was when Jesus got up from the grave and conquered His own death. Jesus gives hope to anyone. Will you allow Jesus to give you eternal life?

Resurrection: Before & After
Matthew 27:51-53; 28:1-15

1. Pre-Resurrection Disturbances - Matthew 27:51–53

    A.   **Ceremonial Disturbance: The veil was ripped in two**

    B.   **Seismic Disturbance: The earth quaked, rocks split**

    C.   **Cemetery Disturbance: God selectively raising believers, they are walking around Jerusalem**

2. Post -resurrection Responses - Matthew 28:1–15

    A.   **Some tried to stamp it out; (Claimed the disciples stole the body)**

    B.   **Some wanted to speak it out**

    C.   **Some wanted to check it out**

LifeGroup Questions: *LifeGroups on Spring Break until April 25*
BEGIN IT (5min) – Time in praise & pray that God leads the study.
OPEN IT (10min) – What is the most awesome display of power you have ever seen?
EXPLORE IT (60min) – Read Matthew 27:51-53 and 28:1-15 and review Sunday's sermon outline together while stopping at each point of the outline for questions, comments and contributing thoughts.
1. Why does it often take drastic measures or life-threatening upheavals to bring people to their senses and persuade them to follow Christ?
2. What situations or events did God use to convince you that Jesus is the Son of God?
3. Why are some people willing to go to great lengths to cover up unpleasant truths?
4. What emotions would you be feeling if you were there at the first "Easter morning"?
APPLY IT (15min) – Spend a few minutes meditating on the truth of this passage and the profound truth of what Christ has done for you through the cross and resurrection.

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