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Christ Is Risen! A message of hope for the worriers of this world! – Mark 16:1-8

A. Worry, Worry, Worry

Question 1: What things do you worry about generally?

Question 2: What things do you worry about spiritually?

- **Worry about practical issues**

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. ² Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³ and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

- **Worry about people issues**

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

- **Worry about what to say**

⁸ Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

Question 3: What strikes you as significant from these descriptions of the women at the tomb?

B. Christ Is Risen: Everything Changes

- **He is our comfort in distress**

"Don't be alarmed," he said. (v6)

- **He is the end of all our searching**

"You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him." (v6)

Question 4: How did you go about your spiritual search as an individual?

- **He is the message we need to share**

"But go, tell his disciples and Peter," (v7)

Question 5: How does the inclusion of Peter comfort and inspire you?

- **He is our companion on life's journey**

"He is going ahead of you into Galilee." (v7)

- **He is our friend in eternity**

"There you will see him, just as he told you." (v7)

Question 6: How does this description of the resurrection of Christ change our view of eternity?

A Prayer

Loving Lord, thank you that you meet my anxiety and worry with the risen power of your Son Jesus Christ. In an uncertain world, grant me a strong faith in the sacrificial death and wonderful resurrection of your Son. May he be my comfort in distress, the end of all my searching, the message I receive and share, my companion on life's journey and my friend in eternity, for his glorious name's sake Amen.