



Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions

Topic: *Jesus is God's Proven Son*

Text: Mark 15:39; 16:1-8

Service Date: July 19, 2026

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

Getting Started

- What is something you were skeptical about at first but later became convinced was true? What changed your mind?
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Sermon Discussion

- Lee Strobel set out to disprove Christianity but came to believe in Jesus. What stands out to you about his journey?
- According to Mark 15:39, what caused the Roman centurion to declare, "Surely this man was the Son of God"?
- What details about Jesus' suffering and death seem to have made the greatest impact on the centurion?
- Why do you think Mark highlights the women's expectation that Jesus would remain dead when they went to the tomb?
- How does the empty tomb challenge the assumptions and expectations of the women in Mark 16:1-6?
- The sermon described the resurrection as the *sine qua non* (essential element) of Christianity. Why is the resurrection so central to the Christian faith?
- The sermon suggested that disappointment, pain, or hypocrisy can harden a person's heart. What are some common causes of spiritual hardness today?
- In the "Jesus in the car" illustration, where do you think many Christians place Jesus—in the trunk, passenger seat, or driver's seat? Why?
- What areas of your life are most difficult to surrender to Jesus' leadership?
- Why do you think Peter was specifically mentioned in the angel's message: "Tell his disciples and Peter"?

- Have you ever felt disqualified, ashamed, or like you had failed God? What encouragement do you find in Peter's story?
 - The sermon emphasized that grace goes looking for failures. Which biblical example of grace mentioned in the sermon resonates most with you, and why?
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This Week's Action Response

Based on this message, what is one specific step you can take this week to respond to Jesus as God's proven Son—whether by trusting Him more deeply, softening a hardened area of your heart, embracing His grace, or sharing the Good News with someone else?