



## GROW GUIDE

Week of April 16, 2017

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A Risen Lord and a Risen People  
Sermon 9 of 11 in *The Roots of Redemption*

## SERMON NOTES

Matthew 28:1-10  
Rev. Dr. R. Brandon Harris

### A Church Transformed

“It is useless to proclaim ‘Christ is risen,’ unless at the same time we can say that we have also risen.”  
—Christoph Blumhardt

To live an Easter life is to live a restless life, one that is never settled and content with death.

If we do not live Easter lives then we only play into the cover-up story.

“The crowning evidence that Jesus was alive was not a vacant grave, but a Spirit-filled fellowship. Not a rolled-away stone, but a carried away church.” —Clarence Jordan

The real question about resurrection is not whether we believe it did happen, but rather whether we believe it will happen.

### Becoming Transformed - Becoming Transformational

One of the things that holds us back from Easter living is that so few of us have ever experienced resurrection.

Often Christians talk about Jesus as if the greatest thing he does is make us inwardly happy.

The convincing proof of Jesus’ resurrection will be that everywhere we go we are employed in a fierce engagement with the powers of death.

