

Family Worship
Week of April 20, 2025

Instruction: Whatever time of day works best each day for you or your family, use the prompts below to spend a few minutes together in prayer and the Word. Open and close each session with a simple prayer. Use the questions for meditation or discussion.

Sermon Meditations: Make It Secure

Monday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Matthew 27:62-66
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's first point was "His Death Is Secured". There can be no doubt that Jesus is dead. The people all saw it. The spear proved it. The coldness of his body prepared for the tomb confirmed it. The guard set at his grave secured it. But who secured it? The men do their best to make sure that no lie is perpetuated. How does the efforts of the enemy to secure the grave prove for us the validity of the resurrection? What does Christ's death secure for us?
- Close in prayer

Tuesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Matthew 27:62-66
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's second point was "His Resurrection is Secure". The chief priests and Pharisees have heard that Jesus said he would rise on the third day. They fear that the disciples will steal the body to create a fraud of a resurrection. How has the history of God's power and Christ's power shown the futility of their efforts? Why is it necessary to believe that Jesus rose from the dead? What hope do you have from the resurrection of Christ?
- Close in prayer

Wednesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: Matthew 27:62-66, 28:2-7, 28:11-15
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's third point was "What is to Be Believed"? There are two narratives that come after the efforts to secure the grave. There is the lie the Pharisees paid the guards to tell and the words of the angel of the Lord to go and tell the disciples that he lives. All hope lies in the resurrection of Jesus. What must be believed about Jesus for our salvation? What is required from us in faith?
- Close in prayer

Preparing Our Hearts to Receive the Word

Thursday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: John 4:16-26
- Meditation: What questions do you have about this text? Is there anything confusing or curious? Does anything stand out as important?
- Close in Prayer

Friday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: John 4:16-26
- Meditation: Westminster Shorter Catechism Question 4 asks, "What do the Scriptures principally teach?" Answer: "The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God and what duty God requires of man." What does this passage teach us about God's character and work? What does it teach us about our own hearts and need for a Savior and how we ought to live in the world as followers of Christ?
- Close in Prayer