

Alley Rundown - April 27-28, 2019

Bible Story: All I Ask of You (Jesus Appears to Thomas) • John 20:19-29

Bottom Line: Whatever happens, remember God is bigger than your questions.

Key Question: What questions do you have for God?

Memory Verse: *"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."* John 16:33b, NIV

"What's up, everybody? All month long we've had this theme of light and darkness. For those who were here for Easter, you'll remember Jesus died on a cross. They placed Him in a tomb and sealed the tomb with a massive stone. Jesus' friends and family were devastated. They knew death was a permanent separation from the one they loved. However, three days later, a few of Jesus' closest friends made a huge discovery."

"Mary Magdalene found the tomb's stone door had been removed. In a sprint, she told Peter and John what she saw. At first, they believed that the same people who had killed Jesus had taken His body! Peter and John wasted no time running into the tomb to find Jesus' body no longer inside."

"Peter and John left the tomb, but Mary stayed behind crying. She wondered where Jesus' body was located. It belonged in the tomb and not in the hands of some grave robber. This was when Jesus appeared to Mary and spoke with her! Jesus wasn't dead but had come back to life."

"With this news, Mary rushed to tell the disciples! No one else had seen Jesus . . . only Mary. Upon hearing this, I'd imagine the disciples had tons of questions. Regardless, Peter and John, along with a few other disciples, locked themselves in a house. They were afraid the same Jews who killed Jesus on the cross would come after them next. At the same time, they weren't sure what to believe. Jesus was alive? How could that be possible? There was no mistaking the facts! Jesus had risen and was alive. That's what our episode is all about this week. Let's take a look!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 10:45)

"Jesus was dead. Everybody knew that to be true. When people began to spread rumors Jesus was alive, logic would say, 'No, He isn't!' However, Jesus wasn't dead. As we have already learned, Jesus was alive! Keep in mind: God has a huge plan that goes beyond anything we can imagine. When there are things in life that hard for us to believe or hard for us to understand, we don't have to hide those feelings. We can always go to God and be honest with Him."

"We can talk to God when we are sad, scared, or anxious. No matter what is going on in life, He knows how you feel, and He never leaves us. God also places loving people in our lives for us to talk with when we have questions. These could be your parents, coaches, grandparents, aunts, uncles, or even your Small Group Leader!

"As you head to your groups, we want you to be thinking about this question . . ."

CG: Key Question Slide

“What questions do you have for God? To answer this question well, you will need to be honest with yourself and God. Don't be scared that your question might be too big or too hard for God. God is WAY BIGGER than our questions. Let's spend some time worshipping God with our offering and attention.”

OFFERING TIME:

Homer Glen: Victor

New Lenox: Daniel

Orland Park: Michael and Valerie

CG: Picture of Child

CG: Mission of Hope JPEG

“Offering Time is important here in the Alley, because it gives you all an opportunity to worship God by giving your money generously. Here at *(your campus)*, we give our offering to help support *(your campus child)* in Kenya. Our offering goes to show kindness to them by buying clothes, and food, and other materials they may need. We have a picture of Mission of Hope where *(campus child)* goes to school! If you brought an offering today, you may place it in our Alley Offering Bin *(point children to location of bin)*

CG: Alley Offering Bin JPEG

...when the video plays. If not, that's ok too. You can bring an offering next week. The Bible tells us this about bringing our offerings to Him...”

CG: Offering Verse JPEG (1 Corinthians 9:6-7)

(Invite students to place their offerings in bin)

CG: Worship Experience Video (Runtime: 5:00)

Supplies Needed: Note Cards and Pens

NOTE: Students will write their questions to God this week.