

GO WITH JESUS
Part 4: From The Empty Tomb
April 1, 2018

“You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God appointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed by the devil; for God was with Him.”
Acts 10:38 (NAS)

TWO RESPONSES TO THE EMPTY TOMB

“He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’”
Matthew 20:2-4 (NIV)

“When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’ But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’”
Matthew 20:11-15 (NIV)

“Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put Him!’ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)
John 20:1-9 (NIV)

- _____ It Or _____ It – **There Are No Other Alternatives.**

IF JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD, THEN ...

“And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that He raised Christ from the dead. But He did not raise Him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.”
1 Corinthians 15:14-22 (NIV)

1. **HE WAS** _____ **HE WAS.**

2. **HE HAS THE** _____ **TO** _____ **MY SINS.**

3. HE GIVES ME _____ TO _____ FOR HIM.

4. HE GIVES ME _____ FOR THE _____.

MY NEXT STEP THIS WEEK IS ...

- I will discover what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.
 - Check box on back of Communication Card.

- I will sign-up for a baptism interview. Next Baptism Celebration: 7-29-2018
 - Check box on back of Communication Card.

- I will invite someone to GNG's Easter Services.
 - Check box on back of Communication Card.

MY NEXT STEP THIS WEEK IS ...

To GET the Good News of Jesus Christ:

1. If I need more information, check the box on the back of the Communication Card.
2. If I want to be baptized, check the box on the back of the Communication Card.
3. To take CLASS 101, check the box on the back of the Communication Card.

To GROW in Christ:

1. To take CLASS 201, check the box on the back of the Communication Card.
2. To get involved in a LIFE Group, check the box on the back of the Communication Card or visit the LIFE Group table in the Atrium.
3. To engage with our daily Bible reading plans, go online to www.goodnewsgathering.org and click on the Resources tab or pick-up a hard copy at the Welcome Center. To listen to our Digging Deeper podcasts, go to <http://goodnewsgathering.org/going-deeper-podcast/>
4. To give at GNG, there are three options:
 - a. Place your gift in the containers at the back of the Auditorium.
 - b. Place your gift in a giving envelope and place it in the containers at the back of the Auditorium.
 - c. To give online:
 - STEP 1. Go to www.goodnewsgathering.org
 - STEP 2. Click **Online Giving**
 - STEP 3. Click **First Time Users**
5. Grow through our Financial Freedom ministry. To sign-up call the Church Office at (937) 393-5383

To GIVE myself in service to Christ and others:

1. To take CLASS 301, check the box on the back of the Communication Card.
2. To get involved in serving, check one or more of the boxes under "I am interested in helping in the following areas."

To GO share the Good News with others:

1. To take CLASS 401, check the box on the back of the Communication Card.
2. Pick-up an Invite Card and invite your un-Churched family, friends, neighbors and co-workers.
3. Observe the "3 Minute Rule."

HILLSBORO NOT AS USUAL PROJECT

Cities can often be places of extreme disconnection, isolation and disintegration. The Hillsboro Not As Usual Project is GNG's way of partnering with, and learning from the people of Hillsboro, in order to make Hillsboro Not As Usual.

Not As Usual in how we care for our neighbors.

Not As Usual in how we develop relationships with those who are different than us.

Not At Usual in how we take care to ensure the beauty and flourishing of our city.

So in 2018, we are engaging with the residents of Ward 4 to make life better for everyone in that area through relationship building, mutual learning, and hand-in-hand work. This is not a service project. This is not us coming into an area thinking we have the answers. This is us working with the people of this awesome city, to make it a place where people say "Hillsboro – that's not a usual place to live. It's better."