



Easter at North Way

"Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.' ⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.' "

- Matthew 28:1-10 (ESV)

Lost the wonder and awe?

- Are you exhausted from trying to live up?
- Have you given up without really trying?

"O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. ² Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? ³ Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?"

- Galatians 3:1-3 (ESV)

"Law Living"

Easter Message

Pastor Scott Stevens

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"Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God." - Galatians 5:19-21 (ESV)

"Licentious Living"

Small "g" or capitol "G" God story

"But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh." - Galatians 5:16 (ESV)

*"If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit."
- Galatians 5:25 (ESV)*

[stoichō] – To walk with someone

Small Group Questions

1. What do you remember about Easter growing up? Did you go to church Easter morning? Where?
1. Does the Easter story still bring you wonder and awe? Are you intrigued and fascinated?
2. When you drift from God, is it typically into "law" or "licentious" living?
3. Are you daily "in step" with the Spirit? (Meaning, is Jesus walking beside you throughout the day and are you in continual conversation with Him?) If not, what parts of your schedule or day do you tend to move ahead of or fall behind Him?