

Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for April 4, 2021:
Easter: God's Good News



**For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with
CGS Community or family**

- **Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week**

- **CONNECT** *with each other*

1. What Easter traditions mean the most to you?

- **GROW** *in Christ*

*17 On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. 18 Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, 19 and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. 20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. 21 "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; 26 and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" 27 "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world." **John 11:17-27***

2. If someone says to you, "I have good news and bad news", which do you want to hear first? Why?
3. Do you tend to tune in more to good news or bad news? Over the past year, what bad news has been personally most difficult for you?
4. From what you know of Jesus' relationship with Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, why do you think it's Martha who goes out to meet Jesus?
5. What does Martha expect when she says to Jesus, *I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.*? What better thing is Jesus offering her?
6. When have your expectations gotten in the way of seeing and receiving the better thing God has for you?

- **SERVE** *others*

- Who in your life needs to hear God's good news, *It's not over?* How will you reach out to them this week with a word of encouragement?

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing.**