**First Evangelical Church, Arcadia English Sermon Study Guide**

**2023 Annual Theme: Deepening Our Roots**

**Sermon: 3/4. 1/2. 0. 1**

**Bible verses: Luke 24:1-12; Matt. 28:11-15（Date: 4/9/2023）**

**【Please re-read the Scripture】**

(Luke 24) **24**On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. **2**They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, **3**but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. **4**While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. **5**In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? **6**He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: **7**‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’” **8**Then they remembered his words.

**9**When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. **10**It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. **11**But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. **12**Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

(Matthew 28) **11**While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. **12**When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, **13**telling them, “You are to say, ‘His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.’ **14**If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” **15**So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

**Opening questions:**

1. Do you have any questions or any insights to share in the "3/4", "1/2", "0" or "1"?
2. Easter has different meanings to different people, feel free to share the different perspectives that you know. What is the true meaning of Easter for Christians?

**Scripture discussion questions:**

1. Where did the disciples go after the crucifixion? Who went to the grave at dawn on the third day? What is the relationship between this group of people who went to the grave and Jesus?
2. Did Jesus have to roll the stone away before he could walk out of the tomb? So why did the stone roll away?
3. The two angels asked the women a question, a fact and a statement. What were they? What do these three phrases mean?
4. What did the women do when they recalled what Jesus himself had said and had done?
5. [Meditation Question] Do you believe what Jesus said to you in the Bible? What did you do after you learned the truth?
6. What did the disciples see Jesus do during the three years of Jesus’ earthly ministry?
7. How did the disciples react to what the woman said?
8. Why did the chief priests and elders give so much money to the soldiers? What fact(s) does this represent?
9. Do you think it is possible that the body of Jesus was stolen? please explain.

**Key Sermon Points:**

(1). "3/4": \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_;

(2). "1/2": \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_;

(3). "0": \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_;

(4). "1": \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Applications:**

1. Which category of person do you think you are according to the sermon: "3/4", "1/2", "0" or "1"? Please share.
2. If you don't think you belong to the "1" category, are there any practical actions that can bring you closer to the "1" category?
3. Please share a learning from today.