

## What Just Happened?

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Look

Disasters seem to surround us everywhere these days. Global media brings them to our homes almost instantaneously. There are however, smaller scale disasters in our own lives each day, from losing our keys to suddenly losing a family member.

1. Think of a recent large scale natural disaster. How have people responded to it?
2. Think of a recent disaster caused by humans. How have people responded differently to that?
3. Big or small, describe a recent personal disaster in your own life. How are you responding to it?

### Book

**[Leader Instruction]** Have everyone but the reader close their eyes while listening to the reading. Ask them to visualize themselves as an observer of the scene. Ask the reader to take their time reading the passage to let everyone soak it in.

#### Matthew 28:1-10

1. In what way would witnessing this event be confusing?
2. Do you imagine yourself reacting more like the women, or the guards?
3. What would the emotions be like when you first met Jesus after his resurrection?

### Took

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! Now what? After a terrible disaster, Jesus still returns from the grave to invite us into relationship. It is this sort of invitation that we can extend to others after a disaster.

1. In what way is it challenging to reach out to someone who has just faced a disaster?
2. How can extending such an invitation to another help you in your own faith journey?
3. Who is someone you know that could use an invitation to a deeper relationship?