



**VILLAINS
OF
EASTER**

GOING DEEPER AT HOME

APRIL 4: REDEEMING VILLAINS

When the villain in a story is defeated we cheer, we celebrate, because we want them to get what they deserve. But we also know that in us lives a little villain, that piece of us that leads us to resist and fight against God, even though we know it is futile. The resurrection of Jesus shows us that while we may be a villain, Jesus offers us redemption and an opportunity to start over with Him.

SCRIPTURE:

Mark 16:1 - 8

GOING DEEPER QUESTIONS:

1. Think of a movie villain, what did they do that makes them a villain? Do they deserve to be redeemed, to be forgiven and have a second chance? Why or why not?
2. What is something from the message that stood out to you, was new to you or challenged you?
3. Respond to this statement: "There is nothing that you and I can do to redeem ourselves, there is nothing that you and I can do. But that does not mean we are left hopeless, it doesn't mean we are left as the villain, because while there is nothing that we can do to redeem ourselves, Jesus has done it for us."
4. Read Mark 16:1 - 8. The women head to the tomb hopeless, completely forgetting that Jesus said He would rise from the dead on the third day. When is a time you forgot God's promises? What was it about this event that caused you to forget?
5. In verse 7 the young man inside the empty tomb tells the women to reminded the disciples to go meet Jesus in Galilee, the place He first called them to follow Him. What does it mean for you to hear Jesus invite you to meet Him again where it all started?
6. Do you deserve to be redeemed, to have a fresh start? Why or why not?
7. What step is the Holy Spirit inviting you to take in response to this?