

Week 7 Reflection

1. An ancient Roman historian wrote of a solar eclipse and earthquake that occurred about the time of the crucifixion. Imagine that you were there that day. In your mind (or with paintbrushes or pencils), conjure the scene. What do you hear, see, feel? What does it mean to you that the curtain was torn in two?
 2. Women play an important role in the story of Jesus's death and resurrection. When other disciples fled, they stayed with Jesus. They came to anoint his body for proper burial. And it is a woman, Mary Magdalene, to whom the risen Jesus first appears. In a time when women were not equally valued to men, what does their presence during the Passion say to us today? What does it mean to you that a woman, Mary Magdalene, was the first to share the good news of the risen Christ?
 3. How would you respond if the Gospel of Mark ended with verse 8? Do you think the wider church would be different today? Research the scholarship about the shorter or longer endings. How does each ending impact your understanding of the resurrection of Jesus?
 4. What one thing can you do today to proclaim the good news? Now, go do it!
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