

SERIES: From the Shadow of the Cross

TITLE: Finished

SPEAKER: Pastor Bob Marvel

PASSAGE: Acts 2:24; Matthew 28:5-6;
I Corinthians 15:19,26,57; John 11:25,
20:31,19:28-30; Ephesians 1:19-20,2:12-13;
I John 4:9-10; Romans 8:31-32

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The logo for Small Groups, featuring four puzzle pieces in a 2x2 grid to the left of the text "SMALL GROUPS". The puzzle pieces are white with teal outlines, and the text is white on a teal background.

**SMALL
GROUPS**

MESSAGE TAKEAWAY

Despair is finished, hope has begun.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What is your favorite Easter memory?
- Bob shared his Haiku based on Matthew 28:5-6:
You will not find him. Jesus has left the building. He told you so. Duh. Have you ever had a moment like Matthew 28:5-6, where God either did something significant for you and/or showed you something you forgot He already promised?
- John 19:30 records Jesus' last statement from the cross: "It is finished." This could sound like Jesus was giving up and saying, "No mas," as Pastor Bob shared from his boxing story. Have you ever had a "no mas" moment that shifted to a victory story?
- Have you ever felt "beyond hope?" What were the circumstances? How did God help restore your hope?
- Which part of the resurrection story is most impactful for you? Why?

NEXT STEPS:

Take some time this week to reflect on the meaning of the statement, "It is finished." Where in your life can you identify despair? Take a few minutes and make a "hope" list of God's promises and put it somewhere you can see it often.

