

April 16, 2017  
Luke 24:1-12

## **The Resurrection: What Difference Does It Make**

### **I. Introduction:**

#### **The Resurrection Story: Luke 24:1-12**

### **II. What Does The Resurrection Mean?**

#### **A. It Means Jesus Is \_\_\_\_\_ He Claimed To Be**

##### Outrageous claims of Jesus:

- Jesus claimed to be God: John 10:30
- Jesus claimed to be the only way to heaven: John 14:6
- Jesus claimed to be the Savior: Mark 10:45

C.S. Lewis said “Jesus was either a Liar, a Lunatic, or He was Lord. What other choices do you have?”

#### **B. It Means Jesus Has The \_\_\_\_\_ He Claimed To Have**

“All **power** in heaven and on earth has been given unto me.” Matthew 28:18

Nobody takes my life from me. I have the **power** to lay it down, and I have the **power** to take it up again.” John 10:18

#### **C. It Means Jesus Did What He \_\_\_\_\_ To do**

“They will mock me and flog me and kill me, but after three days I will come back to life.” Mark 10:34

“Do not be afraid, for I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. 6] He is not here. He has risen, just as he said.” Matthew 18:5-6

### III. Why Does The Resurrection Matter?

#### A. The Resurrection Matters Because My Past Can Be \_\_\_\_\_.

“He has forgiven our sins and canceled every debt we owe. Christ has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.” Colossians 2:14

“There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:1

#### B. The Resurrection Matters Because My Present Problems Can Be \_\_\_\_\_.

“How incredibly great is his power to help those who believe in him, the same mighty power that raised Jesus from the dead.” Ephesians 1:19-20.

“I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.” Philippians 4:13

#### C. The Resurrection Matters Because My Future Can Be \_\_\_\_\_.

“This is the way to have eternal life: by knowing the only true God and Jesus Christ, the one he sent to earth.” John 17:3

### IV. Conclusion and Application:

Do you **know** you have eternal life?  
Have you received the risen and resurrected Lord into your life?

**POINTS TO PONDER**  
**What Difference Does The Resurrection Make**  
**Luke 24:1-12 – Week of April 16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Open It**

1. How do you react to good news from home?
2. \*When was a time you told a true story that other people found hard to believe?

**Explore It**

3. Why did the women go to Jesus' tomb? (24:1)
4. What did the women find once they arrived at the tomb? (24:2)
5. \*What happened while the women were wondering what had happened to Jesus' body? (24:4)
6. Who were the two men who appeared to the women? (24:4)
7. How did the women respond to the angels? (24:5)
8. What did the angels tell the women about Jesus? (24:5-7)
9. Of what words of Jesus were the women reminded? (24:7)
10. \*What did the women do after the men had told them that Jesus had risen from the dead as He had predicted? (24:9)
11. How did the apostles react to the women's testimony? (24:11)
12. Why did the apostles not believe the women? (24:11)
13. In what way were Peter's actions different from the other apostles? (24:12)

14. \*How did Peter respond to the sight of the empty tomb?  
(24:12)

### **Get It**

15. Why is Jesus' resurrection central to the Christian faith?
16. If the gospel is such good news, why are Christians sometimes reluctant to tell others about Christ?
17. What would be different if Jesus had not risen from the dead?
18. \*Why did the disciples express disbelief even though Jesus had told them clearly that He would rise from the dead?
19. What does this passage teach us about witnessing and evangelism?
20. What does this account teach you about the people to whom God reveals His good news?
21. How does this story encourage you to share your faith with others?
22. \*What should you do if others reject you or your testimony when you share your faith?
23. Why do people sometimes not believe the truth of the gospel?
24. What responsibility do we have to witness to others, even if they continue to reject the gospel?

### **Apply It**

25. \*How can you reaffirm your faith in God's promises this week?