

The Resurrection Life

Luke 24:13-35

B. Live Into The Reality Of the Resurrection of Jesus.

1. The resurrection of Jesus is an Epic event with Cosmic results.

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Colossians 1:17-20

2. You can have Forgiveness and New Life forever.

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions-- it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:1-6

3. You can live a new life because of GOD's Resurrection Power at work in you.

I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

Ephesians 1:18-21

Jesus is Alive! Everything has Changed!

A. Hear The Story of The Resurrection of Jesus.

1. The Messiah's death led to Dashed Hopes.

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?" "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel."

Luke 24:13-21a

2. The empty tomb brought Great Confusion.

"And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see."

Luke 24:21b-24

3. An unusual companion gave a Quick Education.

He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

Luke 24:25-27

4. Opened eyes sparked Incredible Joy.

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

Luke 24:28-35

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Commit yourself to spending time with GOD and His Word on at least five days this week. Read the Bible passage(s) listed.

Ask GOD for understanding. Reflect on the verses you read and write down your answers to the question(s). Pray that GOD will guide you to walk in His Word.

Day One

Read Luke 24:1-12

1. Imagine the sense of loss and despair that the followers of Jesus felt after His death. How would you describe that?

2. You are one of the disciples. You hear the report of the women about what they saw and heard at the tomb. How would you respond?

3. How would you go about processing the confusion, the wonder, the uncertainty, etc. that you would be feeling at this point?

Day Two

Read Luke 24:13-35

1. What do you think Jesus talked about in explaining to these two individuals what the scripture taught concerning Himself (verse 27)?

2. Has your heart ever “burned within you” when you were reading or listening to the Word of GOD? Why or why not?

3. Imagine the joy these two felt on their return trip to Jerusalem. As you live into the resurrection, are you experiencing some of that joy? If not, what needs to happen?

Day Three

Read Luke 24:36-52

1. What was true about Jesus’ resurrection body?

2. What are some specific ways that Jesus fulfilled the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms?

3. Take a few minutes to revel in the joy and peace these followers of Jesus must have experienced as they talked and laughed with Jesus. He’s alive and He’s back with them!

Day Four

Read Colossians 1:15-23

1. List some of the things that are stated about Jesus in this passage. Who is He and what has He done?

2. Have you been reconciled to GOD through Christ?

3. Does He have “supremacy” (verse 18) in your life? If not, why not? If yes, how is that seen by others?

Day Five

Read Ephesians 2:1-10

1. What does it mean to be dead in your sins?

2. What does it mean to be raised up with Christ?

3. How about “being seated with Him in the heavenly realms?”