

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS – He Is Risen. He Is Risen Indeed!! O GLORIOUS DAY!

He is Risen (Luke 24:1-12)

¹Now on the first *day* of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain *other women* with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. ²But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. ³Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. ⁵Then, as they were afraid and bowed *their* faces to the earth, they said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, ⁷saying, ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.’” ⁸And they remembered His words. ⁹Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary *the mother* of James, and the other *women* with them, who told these things to the apostles. ¹¹And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened.

- According to verse 5, why did the angels ask the women, “*why do you seek the living among the dead?*”
- According to verses 8-12, how did the women respond when the angels told them the good news and what does it say about their faith?
- How did the apostles respond at first when the women told them the good news? Discuss why.
- According to verse 12, what did Peter find when he inspected the empty tomb? Why do you think he was marveling to himself when he left the tomb?

1 Corinthians 15:12-19 - The Risen Christ, Our Hope

¹²Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. ¹⁴And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching *is* empty and your faith *is* also empty. ¹⁵Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up—if in fact the dead do not rise. ¹⁶For if *the* dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. ¹⁷And if Christ is not risen, your faith *is* futile; you are still in your sins! ¹⁸Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.

- What has Paul just finished defending in the previous eleven verses? What is it that people were saying about resurrection of the dead? What would it mean according to Paul if Jesus had not been resurrected?
- Why is our faith in vain if Jesus did not raise from the dead (**verse 17**)? What is the connection between the resurrection and the freedom from our sins?
- What logical conclusions follow if there is no resurrection of the dead?
- Talk about why Christ’s resurrection gives us hope.
- What kind of attitude and behavior should result in those who believe in the resurrection of Christ?

1 Corinthians 15:50-58 – Our Final Victory

⁵⁰Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. ⁵¹Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. ⁵³For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. ⁵⁴So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “*Death is swallowed up in victory.*” ⁵⁵“*O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?*” ⁵⁶The sting of death *is* sin, and the strength of sin *is* the law. ⁵⁷But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

- Read **Romans 6:1-14**. Talk about the how the death of Christ and the resurrection of Christ work in our lives today as Christians to give us freedom from sin. How might you gain freedom from sin that is in your life? What is the truth about the power that sin has in our lives?