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Resurrection Reality

Gospel – Mission – Cost – Joy

Luke 24:13-48

¹³ That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing together,

Luke 24:13-48

Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad.

Luke 24:13-48

18 Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” **19** And he said to them, “What things?”

Luke 24:13-48

And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him.

Luke 24:13-48

²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²² Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning,

Luke 24:13-48

²³ and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.”

Luke 24:13-48

²⁵ And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?”

²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets,

Luke 24:13-48

he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸ So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹ but they urged him strongly, saying,

Luke 24:13-48

“Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹ And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.

Luke 24:13-48

And he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” ³³ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem.

Luke 24:13-48

And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together,³⁴ saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!”³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Luke 24:13-48

³⁶ As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” ³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸ And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?”

Luke 24:13-48

³⁹ See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling,

Luke 24:13-48

he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate before them. ⁴⁴ Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you,

Luke 24:13-48

that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,⁴⁶ and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,

Luke 24:13-48

⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

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Luke 24:36-41

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Luke 24:36-41

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John 20-24-27

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came.

²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

John 20-24-27

²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.”

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Luke 24:19b-21a

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Luke 24:19b-21

- His life was taken from Him
- He did not redeem Israel

Luke 24:13-48

John 10:14-18 – The Good Shepherd

Luke 22:42 – God's will & the cross

Mark 15:33-34 – At the cross

Why?

Matthew 26:27-28 – Forgiveness of sins

Luke 24:46-47

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Luke 24:46-47

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Resurrection – Forgiveness

Acts:

- **2:14-41**
- **3:13-21**
- **4:10-12**
- **5:27-31**
- **10:34-43**
- **17:31-32, 24:14-15**
- **13:26-39**

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⁹ For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. ¹⁰ We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong.

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You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. ¹¹ To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are poorly dressed and buffeted and homeless, ¹² and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure;

Mission – Cost

13 when slandered, we entreat. We have become, and are still, like the scum of the world, the refuse of all things.

Mission – Cost

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised,

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then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised,

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not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

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Resurrection – Joy

- **Hebrews 12:1-2 (Joy motivates cross)**
–John 15:11 (we get His joy)
- **Luke 6:22-23**
- **Matthew 13:44 & 19:28-29**
- **Romans 8:18 & 2 Corinthians 4:17-18**

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Questions

We talked about the physical reality of resurrection. When you picture resurrection in your mind's eye, do you find that it is spiritualized or is it physical?

Do you ever have concerns about missing out on things that you want to do in this life, because of your relationship with Jesus? How does resurrection play into that idea?

When you think about the gospel, do you get where Paul gets when he says that, without the resurrection, we are still in our sins? Do you see a connection between resurrection and forgiveness?

Do you think that we should allow ourselves to be inconvenienced if it has an impact on other people's lives? Can you think of a time when you were concerned about how preaching the Gospel might have an impact on your life and made you debate whether you should speak up or not? How did that go?

Joy is a major theme of resurrection? Does the resurrection kick up joy in our soul or do you find it difficult to get there? This might be a good place to pray and ask the Lord to move and grip you with the reality of resurrection and it's implications, for the sake of His joy in your and your joy being complete.