

Jesus rose from the dead & it changed everything.

At the Tomb: Luke 24:1-12

Notice *who* & *what's present*:

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, **the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb.**² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

v1-3

Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, **he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves,** and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

v12

Notice *what's proclaimed* & *who proclaimed it*:

While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them.⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "**Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee:**⁷ 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'"⁸ Then they remembered his words.⁹ When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others.¹⁰ **It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles.**¹¹ **But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.**

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It is easy for difficult moments to make us absent-minded

Notice *what's omitted*:

The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'"

v7

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

1 Corinthians 15:17-19

Jesus' resurrection cements His trustworthiness.

Faith gaps are filled with grace & faith.

On the Road: Luke 24:13-29

Notice the disciple's *words*:

One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "**Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem** who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

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Notice Jesus' words & actions:

And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said **in all the Scriptures concerning himself.**

v27

Jesus is reframing how the scriptures relate to Him & how people are to relate to the scriptures.

The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; **21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel.** And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus." ²⁵ He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken!

v20-25

Jesus is dealing with their doubts & healing their trauma.

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹ 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.

v28-29

Jesus is demonstrating the capacity to meet us where we are & as we are, walking with us to where we should be.

At the Table: Luke 24:30-32

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. **31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.** ³² 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?"

v30-32

When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. ¹⁵ And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶ For I tell you, I will not eat it again **until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God.**" ¹⁷ After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. ¹⁸ For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹ And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "**This is my body given for you;** do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰ In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant **in my blood, which is poured out for you.**

Luke 22:14-20

Jesus' resurrection is proof of God removing every obstacle in the way of relationship.

On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, **a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines.** ⁷ On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; ⁸ he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The Lord has spoken.
Isaiah 25:6-8

Jesus breaking bread is drawing their attention to what He's done & what is coming.

In the Room: Luke 24:33-49

They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread. ³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." ⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

v33-44

Jesus' resurrection is a foretaste of life after life after death.

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

v44-49

New life is walking & working with Jesus, from a place of victory.

What are some things we must bury so we can walk in newness of life?

Closing Considerations:

Consider where Jesus wants to provide more grace & strengthen your faith.

Contemplate some of the resurrection's themes.

What are the scars we keep?

What is a simple faith commitment *you can make today*?