

SC Church
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Alive Vital Signs

- A. Intro: What are characteristics of being alive?
- B. Big Idea: Jesus is Alive! Don't treat the One who is fully alive as though He were dead!
- C. Scripture: Luke 24:1-12 NLT – But very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. ³ So they went in, but they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ As they stood there puzzled, two men suddenly appeared to them, clothed in dazzling robes. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed with their faces to the ground. Then the men asked, “Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? ⁶ He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Remember what he told you back in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and that he would rise again on the third day.” ⁸ Then they remembered that he had said this. ⁹ So they rushed back from the tomb to tell his eleven disciples—and everyone else—what had happened. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and several other women who told the apostles what had happened. ¹¹ But the story sounded like nonsense to the men, so they didn't believe it. ¹² However, Peter jumped up and ran to the tomb to look. Stooping, he peered in and saw the empty linen wrappings; then he went home again, wondering what had happened.
- D. What were the common reactions to Jesus being alive?
- a. Surprised
 - i. Luke 24:1-2 NLT – But very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance.
 - ii. Mark 15:46-47 NLT – ⁴⁶ Joseph bought a long sheet of linen cloth. Then he took Jesus' body down from the cross, wrapped it in the cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been carved out of the rock. Then he rolled a stone in front of the entrance. ⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where Jesus' body was laid.
 - b. Puzzled
 - i. Luke 24:3-6a NLT – ³ So they went in, but they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ As they stood there puzzled, two men suddenly appeared to them, clothed in dazzling robes. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed with their faces to the ground. Then the men asked, “Why are you looking among the dead for

someone who is alive? ⁶ He isn't here! He is risen from the dead!

c. Disbelief

- i. Luke 24:11 NLT – ¹¹ But the story sounded like nonsense to the men, so they didn't believe it.
- ii. Mark 16:7 NIV – ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.' ”
- iii. Luke 24:12 NLT – ¹² However, Peter jumped up and ran to the tomb to look. Stooping, he peered in and saw the empty linen wrappings; then he went home again, wondering what had happened.
- iv. Mark 6:5-6 NLT – ⁵ And because of their unbelief, he couldn't do any miracles among them except to place his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶ And he was amazed at their unbelief.
- v. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 NLT – ³ I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. ⁴ He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said.

d. Jesus Appearances after His Resurrection

- i. Mary Magdalene at the tomb (Mark 16:9)
- ii. Women on the road (Matthew 28:8-10)
- iii. Disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-32)
- iv. Peter (Luke 24:34)
- v. 10 of the disciples together – minus Thomas (John 20:19-25)
- vi. 11 disciples which included Thomas – 8 days later (John 20:26-31)
- vii. Disciples by the Sea of Galilee (John 21:1-25)
- viii. 500 disciples (1 Cor 15:6)
- ix. James (1 Cor 15:7)
- x. Ascension in to Heaven (Acts 1:3-11)
- xi. Paul (1 Cor 15)

e. What is your reaction to Jesus being alive today?

- i. Surprised
- ii. Puzzled
- iii. Disbelief
 1. John 3:16 NIV – ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
 2. Romans 10:9 NIV – ⁹ If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

E. Close: Do you realize Jesus is Alive?

- a. Isaiah 53:5 NIV – He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.
- b. Next Steps
 - i. Memorize: Romans 10:9
 - ii. Evaluate: Do I believe Jesus is alive?
 - iii. Action: Choose to believe in Jesus and trust Him with your life. He wants a relationship with you.