

**Discovering the Resurrected Life** (Easter 2026)  
**Luke 24:1-12, 36-47**

Discovery is part of the human experience.

Is there something more to this life that I am living?

Is there something unexpected that I have yet to understand, but would dramatically change my reality?

**vs. 5-7,**

Why are you looking for the living among the dead?

*Remember:* How he spoke to you.

He has risen!

It is necessary that the Son of Man be betrayed into the hands of sinful men, be crucified, and rise on the third day.

**vs. 10,** The women were telling the apostles these things...

**vs. 11,** But these words seemed like nonsense to them...they did not believe the women.

Nonsense...How can an event that took place 2000 years ago impact my life right now?

**vs. 12,** Peter ran to the tomb to see for himself.

He went away amazed at what had happened.

Fast Forward...

- Like us, they were dealing with world powers motivated by greed, popularity, and conquest.
- All of us, whether in the first century or the the twenty-first century, understand heart ache.
- Hearts throughout the centuries have not become harder. Hard hearts are a real and daily struggle.

Is Jesus the answer? Is Jesus the one who saves?

To believe in Jesus and to follow his way of living seemed then and seems now insane.

How do we discover purpose when circumstances seem bigger than our ability to contribute?

How do we make sense of the stress we feel in our jobs, marriages, parenting, friendships, and health?

Is it even possible to approach life with joy, peace, and an ability to bless those who delight in our pain?

- The ability to live with purpose is rooted in a historic reality!
- The path to move forward has been cleared.
- Jesus has taken the steps to ensure a full life of faith, hope, love, joy, and peace.

**1 Peter 1:3-5** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead **4** and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. **5** You are being guarded by God's power through faith for a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

**1 Peter 1:13** set your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

We have hope! We have complete hope!

**vs. 36,** Jesus stood in their midst.

- Peace to you!
- Why are you troubled?
- Why do doubts arise in your hearts?
- Look...touch and see. It really is me.

<b>Dead</b>	or	<b>Living</b>
Faith		Faith
Hope		Hope
Love		Love
Joy		Joy
Peace		Peace

**vs. 41**, They were amazed and in disbelief because of their joy.

Can Jesus change my life?

Is it possible that despite my circumstances I can have living faith, hope, love, joy, and peace?

**vs. 44**, *Remember*:

He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

Here is the point...**vs. 46-47**, The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead the third day, and repentance for forgiveness of sins will be proclaimed in his name to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

*Eternal life* -> to *know* God, to be in *relationship* with him and to *experience* all the goodness of that relationship both in the *present age* and the *age to come*.

**Ephesians 3:16-19** I pray that he may grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with power in your inner being through his Spirit, **17** and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. I pray that you, being rooted and firmly established in love, **18** may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the length and width, height and depth of God's love, **19** and to know Christ's love that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

**John 14:27** "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Don't let your heart be troubled or fearful.

**John 16:24** Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.

Our hearts are stirred when we ponder God's love. The greatest love story is the truth of Jesus coming to this world, living a perfect life, and offering himself as a sacrifice for our sin, so that we could have a dynamic and redemptive relationship with God.

"God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing.  
~ C.S. Lewis

**Ephesians 1:18-20** I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened so that you may know what is the hope of his calling, what is the wealth of his glorious inheritance in the saints, **19** and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the mighty working of his strength. **20** He exercised this power in Christ by raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens—

- Your story collides with a loving God at the resurrection.
- God created you to be in relationship with you.
- God demonstrated his love for you through the giving of his son.
- Jesus' humanity makes these truths tangible. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.

-> The corruption of humanity, the deterioration of our world, and the schemes of the evil one are brought to an end because of the resurrection.