



Jesus is the Cornerstone.
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Key Verses: Luke 24:1-12 (with 1 Corinthians 15:12-19)

Key Thought: The resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of our faith because it is the expression of God’s victory— for our sake— over the enemies of sin and death.

Points to Consider:

- Our faith is based on the validity of a historical event: the bodily resurrection of Jesus.
- 1 Corinthians 15:12-19: Paul declares that— if Jesus was not raised from the dead— we have not been delivered from the power of sin and death. → The resurrection of Jesus is the expression of God’s victory— for our sake— over those enemies.
- Luke 24:1-12: We see three different initial responses to the resurrection:
 - i. The **women** believe the angels and share with the eleven disciples.
 - ii. The **apostles** did not believe the testimony of the women. (They believed only with further proofs.)
 - iii. **Peter** sought to validate the testimony for himself. (He later believed when Jesus revealed himself to him.)
- Frank Morison, author of *Who Moved the Stone?* set out to disprove the resurrection but— in the process— was instead convinced that Jesus did indeed rise from the dead.

Discussion Prompts:

- What is the significance of the resurrection of Jesus?
- Why does Paul declare that our faith is illegitimate without the resurrection?
- Which of the three initial responses best characterizes your response to the proclamation that “He is risen”: that of the women, the apostles, or Peter? → How so?
- How would you like to respond to the proclamation?
- [Pray for one another.]