

## **The Story: Chapter 27**

### **The Resurrection**

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#### **DURING THE STORY SERIES, REMIX CLASS SESSIONS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO SEGMENTS:**

**1) THE STORY STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS CHOSEN BY THE LEADER.**

**2) THE FOLLOWING REMIX QUESTIONS:**

#### **Opening Discussion**

- What thoughts, feelings, or impressions do you have about the sermon this week?

#### **Read Together**

Luke 24:1-7

"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. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. 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? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'"

Luke 24:46-49

"He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. 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."

#### **Lesson #1: Reflect On the Significance of Jesus' Death!**

Look at Luke 24:46 again

"He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day."

This is the centerpiece of the entire story.

Jesus' death and resurrection.

He wasn't partially dead or in a deep sleep.

He actually died.

Death is a hard topic of conversation and can be an easy one to move past quickly. However, it's only by completely grasping Jesus' death that we can celebrate the resurrection to come.

Reflecting on your own experience and encounters with death, how has the grief and finality of it impacted you? How have these experiences influenced you long term?

When you reflect on the finality of Jesus' death, how does it shift or shape your view of the resurrection?

#### **Lesson #2: Reflect On How Death Changes the Way We Live!**

Luke 24:46-47

"He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

Jesus' death and resurrection give us a second chance! An opportunity to repent. Sin is rooted in selfishness, but repentance is the opportunity to turn away from our selfish desires and toward God.

When you think of the word "repentance" what comes to mind? How does the world view this word?

Pastor Kevin reminded us that repentance is rooted in the idea that God is good and loves His children so much that He wants the best for us...that we would trust His best over what we think is our best over and over.

How does this perspective on repentance challenge you? Have you resisted stepping into repentance in the past? Have you reached that intersection where

you must choose to turn toward His best or continue on your own way? What did you choose and how did this decision impact your journey? Consider sharing this experience with your group.

### **Lesson #3: Reflect On the Forgiveness That is Available to You!**

Through Jesus' death and resurrection, forgiveness is available. Him overcoming death gives us the potential to do the same.

Read the following passages.

Acts 3:18-19

"But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,"

Proverbs 28:13

"People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy."

2 Chronicles 7:14

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

When we recognize that death is a part of His story, and it's a part of our story as well, we have the opportunity to die to our own direction and choose God's direction and way of living.

What does "dying to your own direction" mean to you? How does this look in your daily life? How do you plan to live this out as you move forward?

### **Lesson #4: Reflect On the Power That Raised Jesus From the Dead!**

John 24:46 says

"He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day."

While understanding the finality of Jesus' death is important, thankfully we don't have to hang out there long! Jesus WAS dead and then after three days was resurrected. This power is REAL and we can experience it as well!

How does living in the power of the resurrection make a difference in your daily life? How do you intentionally live differently because of Jesus' resurrection? How can you daily live in the power that defeated the grave? How does this power give you the strength to overcome sin that leads to death?

The night of Jesus' death, the disciples likely felt a deep sense of loss and despair, and yet that wasn't the end of the story. God's promise is that He is making all things new!

How does this truth shift your daily perspective? How do you regularly press into the hope of Jesus in the face of scary or overwhelming circumstances? How do you remain optimistic, knowing the end of the story?

### **Next Steps:**

We are invited into this story and the same power that raised Jesus from the dead dwells within us. How will you carry that with you this week into your conversations and interactions with those around you? How will you bear witness to the death and resurrection of Jesus in the days ahead? Is there a specific relationship or situation Jesus is placing on your heart to walk into with resurrection power?

Consider sharing this with your group and inviting them to accountability for it. Then as a group, pray that you will daily align with the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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\*\*\*Remember to record your attendance for the week. Thank you.

**How can we pray for each other this week?**

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