



SERMON REFLECTION GUIDE

Luke, Part 68: The Resurrection of Jesus - Luke 24:1-12 - Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

SERMON OUTLINE

Intro - Why is “Christianity” even a reality in 2026? Surely, it would have expired by now. The **clarity** of the shape of Christianity in our biblical minds **vs.** the **confusion** and discouragement of the disciples of Jesus after the crucifixion.

Proof #1 - forgotten tomb theory is bunk. Many knew where the tomb was (Luke 23:50-55)

A. Zero Exception of Resurrection - women going first chance to anoint the body they presumed to still be there (v. 1). Even in the absence of a body (v. 3), they didn't assume resurrection (v. 4)

Their story is not believed by the apostles (v. 11), and those going to Emmaus speak of Jesus only in the past tense, discussing their dashed hopes. (v. 19-21).

We see the cross as proof of Jesus's claims, they saw the cross as the end of Jesus's claims. Without a miracle, the Messiah's mission was finished.

Illustration: Landen Andrews and miracles. ;)

B. The Miracle of Resurrection - Angels announce the resurrection (v. 5-6). They remind the ladies of the predictions that Jesus was constantly making about his own death and resurrection. (v. 6-8)

Proof #2 - Naming certain women as key witnesses within a culture that didn't allow the testimony of women in court. Wouldn't do it if it wasn't true! (v. 10)

C. Encountering the Resurrection - Luke's first appearance of the risen Jesus is incognito (v. 15-16), he wants these travelers to experience the resurrection in two ways that we can still experience today!

(1) Through the **Word of God** (see: v. 6, 27, 32)

(2) Through the **Lord's Supper** (see: v. 30-31)

it is in the opening and explanation of the Word and the taking of the Lord's Supper that **we re-live the resurrection** and rehearse our hope every week.

How did we get here? How is Christianity alive and active today?

Because, despite having no expectation of the resurrection, we can encounter the miracle of the resurrection daily and weekly.

Jesus is alive and can be known, experienced, celebrated and met face-to-face someday.

Therefore, there is **hope** for those of us who have made a mess of life.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ has changed the entire course of human history and can also change the course of any sinner's life.

More Proofs to Give Assurance:

Proof #3 - downcast, discouraged folks become power evangelists

Proof #4 - doubting family members become church-planters and preachers

Proof #5 - dividing the years of history

Proof #6 - Saul of Tarsus's radical change in life trajectory (away from fame and ease)

Proof #7 - early Christians were Jews who started worshipping on Sunday (resurrection day)

Proof #8 - No “shrine” at the tomb of Jesus, because no one knows which one was his!



SERMON REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Despite all of Jesus explicit predictions, why were none of his followers expecting a resurrection from the dead?
2. Why is it important to believe in an actual bodily resurrection?
3. Why did Jesus reveal himself through the Word and the Supper? How does that help us today?
4. What hope in life and death can we receive from the resurrection?
5. Of the several proofs of the historical resurrection of Jesus given in the sermon, which one resonates with you the most? Why?