



Luke 24:1-8 Where is True Life Found?

Luke 24:1-8 v.5 Why are you looking for life among the dead? **What are the responses to the empty tomb account, to the life that comes from resurrection Sunday? Options:**

1. **To ignore the evidence of life**
 - a. **There is no knowable meaning in life.** Natural conclusion is despair.
2. **Look for life amongst the dead.** This conclusion also says:
 - a. **There is no inherent meaning in life**, but it seems so important to man, so we create meaning subjectively. I decide for myself according to my desires or feelings. Leo Tolstoy: "*What is life for? To wait for death till it comes? I fear that. Then I must live. But what for? And I could not escape from that circle.*" You can hear the futility in his words.

V5 Angel's question redirects us from death to life. (A 3rd way to respond)

3. **To seek life amongst the living.** Tolstoy's eventual conclusion was to find it in a knowable creator that gives us purpose, determines meaning and conquers death. **Luke 24:11-12** Peter's response to the news of the resurrection, **he ran** to check it out for himself. The grace of Christ comes to us and says in John 14:19, "*Because I live you also shall live*"
 - a. Heb 11:6 *He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek him.* Ps. 63:1 David says: *I earnestly seek you.* Ps. 9:10 *you don't forsake those who seek you.* Jer. 29:13 *You will find me when you seek for me with all your heart.* But we must be willing to follow the evidence.
4. **Believe and share.** Luke 24:9-10 Be like Mary, share how God called you from death to life even if they don't believe. Live like people who have defeated death!

Luke 24:6-8; 25-27 What is the evidence that demands a verdict?

1. **200 clear prophecies about Jesus** in OT (more!), Born in Bethlehem, tribe of Judah, line of David, despised, rejected, crucified, and pierced with criminals, buried in a rich man's tomb and raised to life 3 days later. Jesus himself predicted His resurrection. The NT teaches that the resurrection is a sign for unbelievers (Matthew 12:38-40); cf. John 20:24-29), the answer for the believer's doubt (Luke 24:38-43). And it serves as the guarantee that Jesus' teachings are true (Acts 2:22-24; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20)
2. **The tomb was empty.** It would have been simple to disprove and silence the disciples. Just produce the body but they could not (John 20:3-9).
3. **Witnesses:** Hundreds saw the resurrected Christ. They looked on His face, touched Him, heard His voice, and saw Him eat. Paul said, many of whom are still alive today.
4. **The change in the disciples:** Though they fled and even denied him at His arrest, they later feared no one and were martyred, no one does that for a lie. Jesus' brothers didn't even believe, until the resurrection. Paul goes from enemy #1, to servant of Christ.
5. **A great cloud of witnesses** testify that the risen Christ still transforms lives.