

# Sermon Discussion Questions

Jesus Is Alive – Matt Slocum  
31 March 2024  
Sermon Text: Luke 24:1-8

## AGENDA

- People arrive, talk, snack, and icebreaker – 5 min
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Prayer/Ministry Time – 20 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min

## PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME (20-30 min)

Ask for prayer requests. Ask for specific needs of group members.

## MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

“JESUS IS ALIVE!” That is the message the women heard from the angels when they went to visit the tomb on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day. In his Easter message, **Jesus Is Alive**, Matt explores the idea of a reveal (1<sup>st</sup> Day) and a release (3<sup>rd</sup> Day) and how many Christian find themselves living in the space between the 1<sup>st</sup> Day and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day. Let’s dive into the sermon and see how life is released on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day and how we move into the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day and into life.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week you were asked to take time and be intentional in the way you honor Jesus. You were supposed to move move past going through the motions and give Jesus the honor He truly deserves. How did you do? Was anything revealed to you?
2. Was there something special that jumped out at you from Matt’s Easter message?
3. Matt said the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day was about entering into The Test. What does it mean to enter The Test? How was Jesus tested? How are we tested?
4. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Day is also about the “release” – the release of life. Compare the events in Genesis 1:3-31 and Luke 22:66 – 24:6 and how they show the “reveal” on the 1<sup>st</sup> Day and the “release” on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day. What promise is available for us in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day (Resurrection Day)?

## APPLICATION

Have you experienced the “release” of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day? Maybe you need to experience it again. Jesus calls us to lay down our life in order to receive a new life. If you’ve made that decision, take a moment to reflect on what

## Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. What does your typical Easter menu consist of? Any traditional favorites?
2. Have you ever participated in a traditional Seder (Passover) meal? What did you think?
3. What is your favorite vegetable? Your least favorite?

that truly means to you. If you haven't made that choice, now is the perfect time to lay down your life, receive the life that Jesus offers, and follow Him.

## **COMING UP**

To join a small group or find out more about what is going on, click on the NWC App, the website <https://nwckc.com>, or the New Wine Church Community Group Facebook page. Sermon study questions can be found in all three locations.

**Youth and Men's Wiffle Ball**, 6 April at 2:00pm in Liberty. Check the app or website for more details.

**Called Up Men's Retreat**, 18-20 April, Eagle Sky of the Ozarks, 1 Eagle Sky Drive, Piedmont, MO 63957. Go to the following link to register. <https://subsplash.com/newwinechurch/lb/ev/+bv7brch>

**Baptisms**, 21 April at 9:00 and 11:00 am, Oak Park High School, 825 NE 79th Terrace, Kansas City, MO.

Baptism class will be held in the High School library on 14 April at 10:30 am. Register here:

<https://nwckc.com/baptism?sapurl=Lytxdm56L2xiL2V2LytiZGJtNTI2P2JyYW5kaW5nPXRYdWUmZW1iZWQ9dHJ1ZSZyZWNIbnRSb3V0ZT1hcHAud2ViLWFwcC5saWJyYXJ5LmNhbGVuZGFyJnJlY2VudFJvdXRIU2x1Zz0lMkJOY2ZoZmN4>

**Selah Women's Retreat**, 3-4 May, Heartland Retreat Center, Parkville, MO. Follow the link to register:

<https://subsplash.com/newwinechurch/lb/ev/+2rvhqw9>

**Youth Summer Camp**, Grades 6-12, 17-22 June. To sign up or for more information go to:

<https://subsplash.com/newwinechurch/lb/ev/+sywckrv>

**Kids Camp**, 10-12 July from 10:00am to 2:00pm at Power Play. More information coming soon.

## **FINAL THOUGHT**

**The space between the reveal and the release is the hard part.**