

I. Intro

A. Series Text: **Luke 24:1-10**

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II. Series Recap

A. Part 1: The Eternal Son

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen; and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father, through whom all things came to be... (Creed of Nicea, 325 A.D.)

1. Begotten, not made (or created).
2. The Son is Creator of all things
3. The Son of God is God

B. Part 2: The Incarnate Son

1. He who is eternal, omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient, transcendent... stepped into the confines of time and space.
2. **Incarnate**: prefix "in" + noun "carne"
3. The Eternal son was fully God and fully man.

C. Part 3: The Crucified Son

1. The Eternal Son Became a Man and fulfilled the righteous requirement of the law.
 - a. Lived a perfect, sinless life.
 - b. Took on the punishment for all rebels who failed to meet the perfect standard of holiness.
2. Penal Substitutionary Death: The Son on the cross displayed God's love by His refusal to ignore man's rebellion.
 - a. We all are guilty criminals who deserve the wrath of God.
 - b. Instead of ignoring it or excusing it, God the Son took on man's plight.
 - c. The Perfect, Eternal Son was executed on a hill just outside of Jerusalem as a criminal.
 - i. He received the death penalty as if he'd committed the most of heinous crimes imaginable.
 - d. At the cross, God the Father poured out all of His holy, righteous, fury on God the Son.

*To the human mind, it seemed that all was lost.

D. Part 4: The Resurrected Son

III. Legal Proceeding \Rightarrow Death Penalty

- A. Charge: Jesus was arrested and charged with claiming (to be the Eternal Son of Man).

⁵⁷ Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. ⁵⁸ And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. ⁵⁹ Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, ⁶⁰ but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward ⁶¹ and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.'" (Matt. 26:57-61)

1. It took 46 years for armies of men to build this temple.

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- a. Now this 1 man declared that he could tear it down and build it up again in 3 days.

¹⁹ *Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."*

²⁰ *The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?"* ²¹ *But he was speaking about the temple of his body. (Jn. 2:19-21)*

2. Whether referring to the architectural structure that was the temple or a human body, no man could raise either up after 3 days. Only God could...
 - a. Jesus was obviously claiming to be... much more than a mere man.
3. Jesus was arrested and tried for His claim to be God (the giver and sustainer of life).

B. Verdict: Guilty

⁶⁶ *When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes. And they led him away to their council, and they said,* ⁶⁷ *"If you are the Christ, tell us."* *But he said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe,* ⁶⁸ *and if I ask you, you will not answer. ⁶⁹ But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God."* ⁷⁰ *So they all said, "Are you the Son of God, then?" And he said to them, "You say that I am."* ⁷¹ *Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips." (Lk. 22:66-71)*

1. Self-Incrimination
 - a. Jesus confessed that it was just as his interrogators suggested.
 - b. Guilty of being the only begotten of the Father.
 - i. God of very God.
 - ii. Co-equal and co-eternal with the father.

C. Appeal: 2 Levels

1. Pontius Pilate: *"Are you the King of the Jews?"*
2. Herod: Wouldn't even open His mouth to answer Herod.

D. Sentence: Death.

1. This death penalty was executed in the most embarrassing way.
 - a. Beaten bloody while being spit on and hair ripped out of his beard.

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- b. Stripped naked and raised up on a rugged piece of wood to suffocate to death in front of all who passed by.
 - 2. Jesus' body sealed up in that grave seemed to prove... His claims to be God were completely false.
 - a. Except for the fact that He refused to stay in the grave.

IV. He is Risen!

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A. The news of Jesus' resurrection was spread as a group effort.

1. Angels ⇒ Women ⇒ Apostles ⇒ Multitudes

⁶ He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸ And they (the women) remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles (Luke 24:6-10)

a. Difficult to swallow.

¹¹ but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened. (Lk. 24:11-12)

b. The news of the empty tomb was proof, but some still wrestled with it..

2. Jesus revealed His resurrection Himself.

a. Appeared to Mary Magdalene and the women. (**Matt. 28:9-10, Jn. 20:11-18**)

b. Appeared to the 2 on Emmaus Road. (**Luke 24:13-35**)

c. Appeared to the 11 apostles.

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them

and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. (Jn. 20:19-20)

- d. Appeared to more than 500 at one time. (1 Cor. 15:3-6)
- 3. 40 days Jesus meticulously proved that He is the Resurrected One, not some hologram.

³⁶ As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸ And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate before them. (Lk. 24:36-43)

- a. Ate and fellowshiped.
- b. Allowed folks to stick their fingers in his wombs.

V. Conclusion: The Resurrection

A. Vindicates Jesus as completely innocent.

- 1. He is, in fact, God who became flesh.
 - a. He is true.
 - i. Truth.
 - b. It is impossible for Him to lie.
- 2. He is perfect in every way.
 - a. Without spot or blemish.
- 3. They didn't take His life. He gave it!

B. Crowns Jesus as the Lord of the Resurrection.

- 1. With one fatal blow, The Son defeated death forever.

¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸ and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. (Rev. 1:17-18)

- 2. Arose in a resurrected human body that would never suffer again.
- 3. Defeated death, hell and the grave.

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- a. Defeated all that was connected to sin.
 - b. The curse of sin has been broken.
 - C. Prophetically paints a picture of man's future.
 - 1. Firstborn from the dead, implying that there are more to follow.

¹⁸ And [Christ] is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. (Col. 1:18)

- a. It was His plan all along.
- b. He worked out all the details ahead of time.
- 2. Firstfruits from the dead.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. (1 Cor. 15:20)

- a. Many more to come.
- 3. Firstborn among many...

²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. (Rom. 8:29)

- a. The eternal Son was raised from the dead, never to die again.
- b. The Lord of the resurrection: Made a way for us to follow Him.
- c. Made himself like a brother to those who believe Him, trust Him.