

He Is Risen! – Luke 24

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Introduction

1. The cross and the tomb are never the end in any of the gospels. That honor belongs to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The resurrection is the greatest revelation of God's plan of salvation in history. The message of the gospel rests on it!
2. When the believers discovered that Jesus was alive, it made a tremendous difference in their lives...

I. Perplexed Hearts: He Opens The Tomb

a. Luke 24:1-12

- i. As the women approached Jesus' tomb to anoint His body their main concern was "who will roll away the stone?" It was a sad labor of love that was transformed to gladness when they discovered Jesus was alive!
- ii. The angels who opened the tomb sent them on a mission to tell the disciples the good news, but the men didn't believe them!
- iii. Jesus is alive! It was known personally by the women and still known today by us through the fact that He is alive in us (Galatians 2:20)

II. Discouraged Hearts: He Opens Their Eyes

a. Luke 24:13-35

- i. We know this as the "Walk to Emmaus". Two men who were discouraged and defeated because they did not believe Jesus was alive despite all the evidence. They were disappointed because God did not do what they wanted Him to do.
- ii. Jesus walked and listened to them graciously. The more they shared the evidence of Jesus' resurrection the more they indicted themselves of unbelief.
- iii. Romans 10:17 Faith comes from hearing the Word of God and that is what Jesus shared with them and it caused their hearts to burn within. Their hearts were the real problem (v25,32,38). So Jesus opened their eyes and they realized from the scriptures that Jesus was not only alive but right there with them!
- iv. The more we receive the Word of God the more we want His fellowship and the great blessing of a burning heart.

III. Troubled Hearts: He Opens Their Minds

a. Luke 24:36-46

- i. At the end of the day all these witnesses came together to share their experiences of Jesus and all the sudden Jesus appears while the doors are still closed (John 20:19). They were terrified!
- ii. Jesus gave them a blessing of peace and calmed them by giving them proof He was real flesh and blood (Psalm 22:16; John 20:24-29; Revelation 5:6,9,12).
- iii. Finally Jesus opened their hearts and minds to the Scriptures so they could understand and witness to the truth that He is alive.

IV. Joyful Hearts: He Opens Their Lips

a. Luke 24:47-53

- i. With privilege came responsibility, they were to be witnesses of all that He said and done (Acts 1:8) Jesus wants us to continue what He started...To open our lips to share His salvation and to praise Him forever more! HE IS RISEN!!!