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Easter: His Resurrection | Luke 24:1-12

Live as ONE

As you reflect on your life thus far, what events come to mind as the pivotal moments or turning points for you?

Live by the WORD

Read Luke 24:1-12. What state do you imagine that the followers of Jesus were in as they woke up on that Sunday morning less than 48 hours after they had witnessed the betrayal and murder of their friend and Rabbi?

READ Luke 24:1-12 again (maybe in a different translation).

Imagine you are one of the women arriving at the tomb at dawn that morning. What is going through your mind and heart as this scene plays out? Imagine that you are one of the disciples, as the women burst into the room and announce that Jesus' tomb is empty! They say He's no longer dead, HE'S ALIVE! What do you feel in that moment? When you consider the Resurrection story, do you feel that it means anything for your everyday life?

The Resurrection is nearly UNBELIEVABLE! People don't come back after they've died! Everyone knows that! But in the first century, a small group of Jewish men and women claimed that a man had not only died and then come back to life, but that He had actually predicted His own death and Resurrection ahead of time!

These men and women went on to endure persecution and even death on account of this man they said rose from the dead. Not because they simply believed that He had risen from the grave, but because they had SEEN it with their own eyes!

READ 1 Corinthians 15:12-19.

Does Paul think that the Resurrection event means anything for your normal, everyday life?

Live as SENT

In the Resurrection event, we find **the** pivotal moment in the history of the world. All of history is now divided into "before" and "after." At the Resurrection, death was undone and hope for new life and a new world was set ablaze. God's Kingdom mission to make all things new had begun in earnest (Matthew 6:10, Revelation 21:1-5).

"[The Resurrection] is the decisive event demonstrating that God's kingdom really has been launched on earth as it is in heaven." —NT Wright

At that critical moment in the story where the women have discovered the empty tomb, the question is asked, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" What a profound question!

Has the current situation with COVID-19 exposed the idols of your heart? Are you able to see ways that you have been looking for life in places that cannot provide it? (sports, jobs, wealth/finances, etc.)

We know that the Resurrection brings hope for eternity, **but what about right now? How does the Resurrection event give us hope for our current situation?**

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