

WHY THE RESURRECTION MATTERS

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Luke 24:1-12 (NIV)

1 "On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

4 While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. 5 In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? 6 He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 7 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" 8 Then they remembered his words. 9 When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. 10 It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. 11 But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. 12 Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened."

THIS MEANS...

1. Jesus is who he claimed to be.
2. Jesus has the power he claimed to have.
3. Jesus does what he promises to do.

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1. My past can be forgiven.

"All of us have sinned...yet God declares us 'not guilty' if we trust in Jesus Christ, who in mercy freely takes away our sins." Romans 3:23-24 (LB)

2. My future can be secured.

"I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying." John 11:25 (NLT)

Questions

1. Read Luke 24:1-12. What speaks to you most about this passage of scripture?
2. How did Christ's resurrection confirm who He said He was and the power He claimed to have?
3. Why does the resurrection matter to us today?
4. Heart Check: Do I truly believe that Christ is who He says He is? Do I fully rely on His power and promises?