



The Life Changer

Luke 24:1-12 and Selected Scriptures

Easter

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Theme: **Jesus changes people forever through His death and resurrection.**

Why did Christ come?

1. Because we were separated from God.

(Leviticus 11:45; Isaiah 43:15; 59:2; John 3:36; Romans 3:23; 6:23; Ephesians 2:12, 15, 16, 19; Colossians 1:21; 2:14)

2. Because only He could save us.

(Matthew 1:23; Luke 19:10; John 3:16; 14:6; Acts 4:12; 10:43; Romans 5:17-19; Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; Titus 3:5 1 Peter 1:18-19)

What did Christ's death and resurrection accomplish?

1. The agony and atonement of the cross.

(Matthew 26:38, 56; 27:45-46, 50; Mark 15:33-37; Luke 22:44, 54; John 19:25-27, 30; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24-25)

2. The amazing result of the resurrection.

(Matthew 25:46; Luke 24:46-47; John 17:13; Acts 4:24-25; 5:31; 17:30-31; Romans 4:24-25; 5:1; 6:4; 7:4; 8:1, 38-39; 1 Corinthians 15:17, 21-23, 42-43; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 2:6; 4:20; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Peter 1:3)

How can we be changed?

1. The example and decision of the disciples.

(Matthew 28:16-17; Mark 16:10-14; Luke 24:11-12, 13-53; John 20:3-9, 19-29)

2. The question and decision for us.

(Luke 24:11-12; John 14:6; 20:31; Romans 10:9-10)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. Easter is important because, as John Stott wrote, “Christianity is in its very essence a resurrection religion. The concept of resurrection lies at its heart. If you remove it, Christianity is destroyed.” Yesterday we looked at three basic questions. The first was “Why did Christ come?” We only scratched the surface of the two reasons we considered—because we were separated from God and only Christ could save us. Review the verses listed about this. Personalize these truths. How do they shape your attitude and response to Christ?

Tuesday. Christ’s death and resurrection accomplished our redemption, our salvation. Check the Bible references under “the amazing result of the resurrection.” List each amazing reality you find. These are true for every believer, including you. Do you really see them as true for yourself? Are you actually walking or living in this newness of life (see Romans 6:4)?

Wednesday. Jesus’ disciples show us a familiar pattern in their response to the news that Jesus had risen from the dead—most of the eleven doubted. Review the Bible references on the example and decision of the disciples. When the truth about Christ is presented there is no neutral position—one either believes or does not believe. Yes, there are stages of growth in understanding and believing, but the response to any truth from or about Christ is one or the other. Are there some truths of God that you have not really believed? Why? What are you doing to move from doubt to belief?

Thursday. Receiving the gospel and Christ as your Savior is the most important decision you have made or will ever make. As you know, it is the beginning of a journey which includes sharing the truth of Jesus and His salvation with family, friends, neighbors, coworkers—with anyone. Who are you concerned about? Who are you praying for? Who are you sharing Christ with?

Friday–Saturday. On Sunday we plan to return to our series in the book of Esther