

Text: Luke 24:1-12

Title: "The Best Sunday Ever!"

Theme: Everything about your salvation rests on the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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1 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. **2** And 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 perplexed about this, behold, two men suddenly stood near them in dazzling clothing; **5** and as *the women* were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, *the men* said to them, "Why do you seek the living One among the dead? **6** He is not here, but He has risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee, **7** saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again." **8** And they remembered His words, **9** and returned from the tomb and reported all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. **10** Now they were Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the *mother* of James; also the other women with them were telling these things to the apostles. **11** But these words appeared to them as nonsense, and they would not believe them. **12** But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen wrappings only; and he went away to his home, marveling at what had happened.

OUTLINE:

- I. **The Resurrection - (Luke 24:1-12)**
- II. **The Road to Emmaus - (Luke 24:13-35)**
- III. **The Doubting Disciples - (Luke 24:36-49)**
- IV. **The Ascension - (Luke 24:50-53)**

Personal Application

1. Read Luke 24 every day this week and reflect on the fact that your salvation rests on the reality that God raised Jesus from the dead.

Small Group Discussion

1. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-49. Discuss some of the main themes in this chapter about the resurrection of Jesus Christ and why they are so important.
2. Discuss what significance the resurrection of Jesus Christ has in your life today. How does the resurrection impact your life, faith, relationships, thoughts, actions, goals, etc?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 15:50-57. Discuss the passage about what will happen to our mortal bodies when we finally get to heaven. In other words, discuss what will change for us and how we will be "changed" (c.f. verse 51).
4. Read Luke 24:1-12. Discuss some of the main themes in this passage about the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the angels, the women, the apostles and Peter, and why they are so important for us to know, understand, and believe.
5. Discuss whether or not (and why?) a person can be saved if they don't believe in resurrection, and that Jesus was raised from the dead.