

"The Power of the Resurrection"

Luke 24:1–12

A. Introduction

1. The setting was early dawn, women at the tomb, spices in hand, expecting death.
2. Instead of mourning, they encounter life—the resurrection changes everything.
3. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is not just a past event.
4. It's the source of ongoing power in the believer's life today.

B. The Reality of the Resurrection

1. It is the power to transform despair into hope.
2. Resurrection power meets us in our despair and offers supernatural hope.
3. When life feels hopeless, God can turn the darkest situations around.
4. The women came to the tomb grieving, expecting to anoint a dead body.
5. Instead, they are met with *life*.
6. The stone was rolled away, and the body was gone—God had already acted!
7. The angel's said: "*He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you...*"
8. The angels remind them of Jesus' own words.
9. Power is released when we remember and believe God's promises.
10. The women immediately return and tell the apostles.
11. They became the first witnesses of the resurrection.
12. True encounter with the risen Christ turns believers into bold messengers.
13. If Jesus is not alive, our faith is in vain (1 Corinthians 15:14).
14. Our faith is based on a living Savior, not a memorialized teacher.
15. Our entire faith hinges on the Reality of the Resurrection.
16. The resurrection is not just to be celebrated, but shared.

C. Historical And Spiritual Significance Of The Resurrection.

1. Historical Significance
2. The belief that Jesus rose from the dead is the cornerstone of Christian faith.
3. Without the resurrection, Christianity likely would not have survived.
4. Jesus' crucifixion would have been seen as a tragic end to a hopeful teacher.
5. The resurrection redefined him as the risen Messiah.
6. The early Christian movement, starting in Jerusalem, grew rapidly because of the disciples' testimony that Jesus had risen.
7. Many see the radical change in Jesus' followers as evidence of their conviction.
8. After the crucifixion, they were afraid and in hiding.
9. After the resurrection, they became outspoken evangelists, willing to die for what they claimed to have witnessed.
10. The resurrection is also historically significant because it has sparked centuries of theological, philosophical, and historical debate.

11. From ancient Roman critics to modern scholars, it remains one of the most analysed events in religious history.
12. Spiritual Significance
13. Spiritually, Jesus' resurrection is seen as a triumph over death and sin.
14. It's the proof that life doesn't end at the grave.
15. Those who believe in Christ will share in that resurrection (see 1 Cor 15).
16. The resurrection validates Jesus' claims to be the Son of God.
17. It shows that God put His seal of approval on Jesus' life, death, and teachings.
18. It symbolizes new beginnings—not just in the afterlife, but here and now.
19. The resurrection is seen as the start of God's new creation.
20. It is a foretaste of the ultimate restoration of all things.
21. Rom 8:11 tells us the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in us.
22. It's seen as a source of personal transformation and spiritual strength.
23. Jesus' resurrection is seen as the fulfillment of many Old Testament prophecies.
24. This deepens its spiritual significance and ties it into a larger story of redemption.
25. The resurrection proves Jesus keeps His word.
26. We can trust every promise in Scripture because He lives.

D. The Response to the Resurrection

1. The resurrection demands a response. Believe or reject. We can't just ignore it.
2. The women remember Jesus' words & immediately go share the good news.
3. Disciples initially respond with scepticism — *it seemed like nonsense to them*.
4. But Peter runs to the tomb, amazed & he begins to seek for himself.
5. The resurrection challenges our doubts and invites us to investigate and believe.
6. The empty tomb is an invitation to personal faith & beginning of transformation.
7. The resurrection means sin is defeated, death is not the end, hope is alive
8. The resurrection brings new life—personally and eternally.
9. For believers: Renew your commitment to live in resurrection power.
10. For seekers: believe & receive new life in Christ. Romans 8:11.
11. Don't seek life in things that cannot give it (career, success, relationships, etc.).
12. The tomb is empty, and Jesus is alive—what will you do with that truth?
13. We have the promise of eternal life and the hope it brings to our daily lives.

E. Conclusion:

1. As we move through Holy Week into Easter, we remember Jesus' faithfulness.
2. Our hope is not mere speculation; it's a confident expectation in His promises.
3. The resurrection isn't a myth, it is a historical, powerful, personal truth.
4. It gives us hope for today, a message for the world, and confidence for eternity.
5. Will you respond to the resurrection with faith like Peter and the women?
6. Through the resurrection, we have the promise of victory.
7. "How will you live in the light of the resurrection?"
8. *"He is not here; he has risen!"*