

Text: Luke 24:1-10 *Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they [see verse 10] came unto the sepulchre [tomb], bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others [Salome and Mary, the wife of Cleopas<sup>1</sup>] with them. And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout [confused about what they saw], behold, two men [angels<sup>2</sup>] stood by them in shining garments: And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they [the angels] said unto them [the women], Why seek ye the living among the dead? He [Jesus] is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. And they remembered his words, And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven [Disciples], and to all the rest. It was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and other women that were with them, which told these things unto the apostles.*

I. Introduction:

A. Jesus promised the Disciples several times that he would rise from the dead after He was executed, Matt 16:21; Matt 17:9; Matt 20:18-19

B. Jesus told the Disciples about His relationship to His Father

John 10:30 *I [Jesus, God the Son] and my Father [God, the Father] are one.*

John 8:58 *Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.*

John 14:9 *Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father;*

II. Jesus conquers Fear

A. Fear of circumstances

1. The disciples were perplexed, confused when Jesus told them what would happen
2. Fear compounds with uncertainty
3. Difficulties create anxiety

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<sup>1</sup>see Mark 16:1 and John 19:25

<sup>2</sup>see John 20:12 & Matt 28:5

B. Fear from forgetfulness ( see Matt 28:20)

1. The disciples forgot Jesus' words after He was arrested
2. Angels reminded the women of Jesus' words, asking them 'why do you seek the living among the dead?' Luke 24:5

Matthew 12:40 *For as Jonas [Jonah] was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.*

Luke 24:6-8 *He [Jesus] is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. And they remembered his words,*

John 14:16 *And I [Jesus] will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter [God the Holy Spirit], that he may abide with you for ever; see Acts 1:8 & Acts 2:4*

III. Jesus Conquers Failure

A. Failure of betrayal

1. Recall Peter's denial as an example

Mark 14:27-30 *And Jesus saith unto them [Disciples], All ye shall be offended because of [shall desert] me this night: for it is written, 'I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered'<sup>3</sup> But after that I am risen, I will go before you into Galilee. But Peter said unto him, Although all shall be offended, yet will not I. And Jesus saith unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this day, even in this night, before the cock [rooster] crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice [three times]. See Luke 22: 54-62*

2. Peter wept bitterly at his overconfident boasting.

Mark 14:72 *And the second time the cock crew. And Peter called to mind the word that Jesus said unto him, Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. And when he thought thereon, he wept. See Luke 24:12*

3. Peter's heart was full of despair, but Jesus forgave him.

Mark 16:7 *But go your [women who came to prepare Jesus' body for final burial] way, tell his disciples **and Peter** that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you. (Note the special message from the angel for Peter.)*

4. The women's report seemed like an idle, hopeless tale to the Disciples. Luke 24:11

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<sup>3</sup> Zechariah 13:7

## B. Failure of sin

### 1. My own personal sin

1 John 4:10 *Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation [the proper payment] for our sins.*

Romans 5:9, 11 *Much more then, being now justified by his [Jesus'] blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him ... And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.*

### 2. Mankind's collective sin

Romans 3:23 *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

## IV. Jesus Conquers Death

### A. His final victory

1. Many famous people are buried in large, expensive tombs, but Jesus' simple tomb is famous because He was resurrected from death there. His tomb is the ONLY one that is empty.

Luke 24:5-6 *And as they [the women] were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they [the angels] said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?*

John 1:12 *But as many as received him [Jesus], to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*

### B. Our future victory

1. Jesus' death was needed to pay for my sin and the sins of all who are willing to believe in Him

Romans 5:8 *But God commendeth [shows] his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

Romans 6:23 *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Wages are owed to you when you earn them, but a gift is given freely from a generous, loving heart.*

2. Jesus' resurrection is necessary to show that the payment for my sin was enough to satisfy His Father

1 Corinthians 15:14-17 *And if Christ be not risen [from death], then is our [the Apostle's] preaching vain [worthless], and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not [if the dead cannot be resurrected]. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: And **if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.***

John 14:1-6 *Let not your [Disciples] heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me [Jesus]. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither [where] I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

V. Conclusion:

- A. The victory over death is God's ultimate victory.

John 11:25-26 *Jesus said unto her [Martha, sister of Mary and Lazarus], I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?*

- B. What is your answer to the question Jesus asked?