

LEARNING WITH LUKE 24 - "Risen Christ: Our Living Hope"

Luke 24:6 "do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, He is risen, just as He said!"

Today we are like the disciples, huddled at home, pondering the past and anxious about the future, because a governor's proclamation collapsed their lives and ours - but God has great news!

1- HE IS RISEN! - just as He said

Luke 24:1-12 - who is this?

Matt 28:1-10 - He has risen

Mark 16:1-8 - He is not here

John 20:1-31 - I am ascending

Emotions won't sustain people in crisis. Emotions simply react but truth directs and sustains. We don't need feel-good platitudes today, we need something rock-solid and real. We need a resurrection.

2- TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE? - evidence

Empty tomb - Mt 28, Mk 16, Lk 24, Jn 20-21

no credible natural explanation, historical center of Christian teaching, no worshiped tomb

Graveclothes - John 20:3-9 - placement

the graveclothes were still there, leading John to immediately believe

Appearances - 1 Cor 15:1-8, Acts 1 - multiple

numerous physical appearances to multiple people, impossible to fabricate

Jewish response - Matt 28:11-15 - no refutation

no serious sustained refutation of what everyone in Jerusalem knew to be true

Gentile response - Acts 17:32 - ridicule

resurrection was a known concept which no one believed because it hadn't happened

A Lifeway-Ligonier poll reports 60% of people agree "religious belief is a matter of personal opinion, not objective truth." Sadly, 32% of so-called "evangelicals" agree with this heresy. You are entitled to your own opinion but not your own facts. Truth by definition is that which corresponds to reality, as perceived by God, the only One who knows all things, and who has revealed Truth to mankind: the Living and Written Word.

Recommended resource: "Evidence That Demands A Verdict" - by Josh & Sean McDowell - compelling historical evidence for resurrection of Jesus Christ and the authenticity, integrity, authority of the Bible

3- OUR LIVING HOPE! - Jesus Christ

1 Corinthians 15 - raised

1 Peter 1 - a living hope

Philippians 2 - power

Jesus Christ is the truth which gives believers hope, to sustain and propel them to live for Christ, who lives!

4- YOUR RESPONSE? - is Jesus in you?

1 Peter 2:24-25 - healed to live for Him

Philippians 2:12-13 - working in us

Hebrews 13:20-21 - working in us

Hulk Hogan- God has taken away everything mankind worships. Maybe we don't need a vaccine.

Maybe we need a personal revival where we focus on the only thing in the world that really matters: Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READING - ENGAGE~WORD~CHURCH~COMMUNITY...

4-12 **1 Peter 1:3** - living hope

4-13 **Luke 24:1-12** - empty tomb

4-14 **John 20:19-23** - graveclothes

4-15 **1cor15:1-9** - appearances

4-15 **Matt 28:11-15** - guards

4-16 **Acts 17:32** - ridicule

4-17 **Phil 2:11** - exalted

The Spirit of God works the Word of God so the people of God become like the Son of God

♦ How will I be **transformed**, by God's truth, in the Spirit's power, as I trust & obey ?

