

# HE IS RISEN!

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Luke 24:1–12 (NLT)

But very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. 2 They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. 3 So they went in, but they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 As they stood there puzzled, two men suddenly appeared to them, clothed in dazzling robes. 5 The women were terrified and bowed with their faces to the ground. Then the men asked, "Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? 6 He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Remember what he told you back in Galilee, 7 that the Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and that he would rise again on the third day." 8 Then they remembered that he had said this. 9 So they rushed back from the tomb to tell his eleven disciples—and everyone else—what had happened. 10 It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and several other women who told the apostles what had happened. 11 But the story sounded like nonsense to the men, so they didn't believe it. 12 However, Peter jumped up and ran to the tomb to look. Stooping, he peered in and saw the empty linen wrappings; then he went home again, wondering what had happened.

## **What looked like the greatest defeat became the greatest victory**

### **Jesus took death and turned it into life!**

John 12:23–24 (NLT)

Jesus replied, "Now the time has come for the Son of Man to enter into his glory. 24 I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives.

Luke 9:22 (NLT)

"The Son of Man must suffer many terrible things," he said. "He will be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He will be killed, but on the third day he will be raised from the dead."

Luke 9:44 (NLT)

"Listen to me and remember what I say. The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of his enemies."

Luke 18:31–33 (NLT)

Taking the twelve disciples aside, Jesus said, "Listen, we're going up to Jerusalem, where all the predictions of the prophets concerning the Son of Man will come true. 32 He will be handed over to the Romans, and he will be mocked, treated shamefully, and spit upon. 33 They will flog him with a whip and kill him, but on the third day he will rise again."

Mark 16:12–14 (NLT)

Afterward he appeared in a different form to two of his followers who were walking from Jerusalem into the country. 13 They rushed back to tell the others, but no one believed them. 14 Still later he appeared to the eleven disciples as they were eating together. He rebuked them for their stubborn unbelief because they refused to believe those who had seen him after he had been raised from the dead.

### **THE DISCIPLES HAD BEEN TOLD - BUT DIDN'T BELIEVE**

**The resurrection is only powerful if you believe it and MAKE IT PERSONAL**

Romans 4:25 (NLT)

He was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised to life to make us right with God.

Isaiah 53:5–6 (NLT)

5 But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins.

He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. 6 All of us, like sheep, have strayed away.

We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on him the sins of us all.

- **DON'T MISS THE GOOD NEWS - YOU CAN BE FORGIVEN AND MADE RIGHT WITH GOD!**

Colossians 2:14–15 (NLT)

He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. 15 In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.

### **JESUS WANTS TO GIVE YOU LIFE BY FORGIVING YOU AND FREEING YOU!**

Romans 6:23 (NIV)

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **EASTER MEANS RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD IS RESTORED - WE HAVE FULL ACCESS TO HIM - HE IS WITH US!**

- **DON'T MISS THE GOOD NEWS - GOD IS WITH YOU!**

Ephesians 1:4–5 (NLT)

Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.

5 God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ.

This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.

**If you have never accepted Jesus as your Saviour and Lord:**

**A**dmit that you are a sinner

**B**elieve that the cross counts for you

**C**onfess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord