

Sunday, 04-02-2023

The Lord Has Risen Indeed!
Bible Background: Luke 24:1-35
Printed Text: Luke 24:13-21, 28-35 KJV/NLT
Devotional Reading: Luke 24:22-26

Aim for Change:

- **UNDERSTAND** the power of a relationship with the Risen Christ. – **Mon: Luke 23:13-25**
 1. How can I utterly UNDERSTAND the power of a relationship with the Risen Christ?
 - **REFLECT** on the Resurrection of our Savior. – **Wed: Luke 23:44-49**
 2. How do I REFLECT on the Resurrection of our Savior?
 - **DEVELOP** a desire to share the message of the Gospel. – **Sat: Luke 24:1-12**
 3. Is my desire as a Christian to DEVELOP a relationship with Jesus to share the Gospel?
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Devotional Reading: Bible Background - Luke 24:22-26; John 12:20-36, 13:31-38

1. How am I being foolish in the eyes of God? Am I staying within the box of culture or the openness of faith in Jesus? Do I doubt because of the lack of evidence demonstrated in other Christians?
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Focal Verses – The Lord Has Risen Indeed! – Luke 24:13-21, 28-35

- **Hopelessness and Despair (vv. 13-21) – Matthew 18:18-20; Acts 1:6-8**
 1. Am I too distracted by life to know when Jesus is beside me? How often do I not recognize His presence? In the time of despair, do I turn towards the believers or turn away? Regardless of circumstance/situation, do I trust God to keep His promises? Is worldliness keeping me from telling the truth about Jesus?
 - **Restored Hope (vv. 28-35) – Genesis 18:2-8, 19:1-3; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (Resurrection of Christ), 12-34 (Resurrection of the Dead), 35-58 (The Resurrection Body); Hebrews 13:1-3**
 1. How eager am I to invite Jesus to walk/talk with me? Do I let Jesus take control of the direction/conversation? Is my hospitality towards others reflective of Jesus? How open are my eyes to the Word of God when it is spoken? How excited am I to share what I've learned/been taught from the Word of God? Does God's word bring me hope?
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Daily Readings:

- **Monday:** The Trial before Pilate – **Luke 23:13-25**
 - Do I forfeit Jesus for sake of position? Do I give into peer pressure and become disobedient?
- **Tuesday:** The Crucifixion of Jesus – **Luke 23:32-38**
 - Do I carry my cross with humility and forgiveness?
- **Wednesday:** The Death of Jesus – **Luke 23:44-49**
 - How is my life darkened without Jesus? Am I giving up the ghost for the wrong reasons?
- **Thursday:** The Burial of Jesus – **Luke 23:50-56**
 - Am I giving Jesus my best even after His death?
- **Friday:** The Messiah's Suffering – **Isaiah 53:3-9; Psalm 22; Luke 24:1-12**
 - Are other's thoughts/rejections so important to cause me to go astray? Can I remain calm and let God fight my battles?
- **Saturday:** Discovery of the Empty Tomb – **Luke 24:1-12; Luke 9:22-27, 44-45; 18:31-33**
 - How easy do I forget Jesus' words? Why when reminded what He said, do I doubt?