

Happy Resurrection Day Jesus Is Alive!

SERMON HANDOUT for April 9, 2023



A MESSAGE FROM THE TOMB: WHY ARE YOU LOOKING FOR THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD?

Luke 24:1-8 CSB

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INTRODUCTION

Not normal to look for something living among dead things:

- For Physical Health – look for physically healthy.
- For Mental Health – look for things that stimulate our thinking.
- For Spiritual Health – *do the opposite*, look for life among the dead.

Followers:

- Followers of Mormonism – Joseph Smith died in 1844. Still dead.
- Followers of Buddhism – leader died in 400 BC. Still dead.
- Followers of Muhammed – leader died in AD 632. Still dead.
- Followers of Confucius – Confucius died in 479 BC. Still dead.
- Followers of Jehovah Witness – Charles Taze Russell died in 1916. Still dead.
- Followers of Church of Scientology – L. Ron Hubbard died in 1986. Still dead.
- Followers of Jesus Christ – Jesus died in AD 33. **JESUS IS ALIVE!**

John 5:39-40 NKJV

- Why?
- Because we keep looking for life among those things that only lead to death!

Ephesians 2:1 NKJV

- If not fully surrendered to Lordship of Jesus Christ, you are dead in your trespasses and sins.
- That's why you keep on looking for life among dead things.

THREE THINGS YOU CAN DO:

1. _____ YOUR SEARCH

Resurrection Theories in late 1800's:

- Theft Theory - Pharisees said disciples stole Jesus' body
- Swoon Theory - Jesus fainted on cross but did not die
- Spiritual Theory - Jesus did not rise bodily but rose spiritually in minds of His disciples
- Wild Dog Theory - reason Jesus' body not found, because wild dogs came and consumed it.

† Jeremiah 29:11-14 NKJV

2. _____ YOUR SEARCH REQUIRES SURRENDER

Surrender in the form of Faith.

- God expects us to Trust Him!
- God expects us to Come to Him by faith.
- Requires the surrender of our will to Him.

† Ephesians 2:8-9 NKJV

† Hebrews 11:6 NKJV

† Romans 10:17 NKJV

3. _____ YOUR SURRENDER PRODUCES LIFE

Surrender to faith means faith in Jesus Christ who gives LIFE!

† John 14:6 NKJV

† 1 John 5:11-13 NKJV

† Romans 10:9-11 NKJV
