WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

Jesus the King was Raised on the Third Day *Luke 24:1-12* Message Reflection Guide

The resurrection of Christ is not rooted in mythology or mere symbolism, it is a concrete event that has been confirmed with convincing proofs. Christ's resurrection tells the world that the kingdom of God is ruled by a living sovereign. While all men, including the prophets, are dead and their bones lie dormant in the earth, Jesus Christ, the founder of Christianity appeared to John 60 years after his death on the island of Patmos, and said to John, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore." — Revelation 1:17-18. The resurrection of the Son of God not only signifies the wonderful Biblical truths, but also represents the assurance that we can have forgiveness from our sins. So, great is the joy of those who believe in our redemption that we have been given that even the fault itself seems worthy of being blessed. "O felix culpa, quae talem ac tantum meruit habere Redemptorem! O happy fault, which gained for us so great a Redeemer!" (Easter Proclamation).

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Conversation Starter

What is something new and/or interesting that jumped out to you in the "Tree of Life" video?

Getting Into the Scriptures – Read Luke 24:1-12

"Jesus is our only source of true life and connection with God." What does the resurrection mean for your faith? Why was it necessary for Jesus to go through death?

Pastor Brandon said, "Jesus's resurrection guarantees us a new life." (John 5:24) How does Jesus's resurrection change your eternal destination? How has your life changed from "death to life?"

Pastor Jason said, "Jesus's resurrection gives us a rich life." (John 15:4-5) How does the resurrection provide abundant life for the believer? How has Jesus's resurrection impacted your relationship with God, the Father?

Both Jason and Brandon shared areas where they have tried to find life (music and the approval of others). What area(s) do you seek life instead of Jesus?

MAKING IT REAL

What or who are you trusting for eternal life? Are you seeking the living among the dead? Jesus is our ONLY source of life, and it is Jesus's resurrection that guarantees us NEW life and a RICH life.