

# Luke

THE KING RETURNS

## SECTION IX

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## THE IMPLICATIONS OF A RESURRECTED KING

### PRIMARY SCRIPTURE:

Luke 23:50-24:12

### GOSPEL PARALLEL ACCOUNTS:

Matthew 27:57-66 and 28:1-10; Mark 15:42-47 and 16:1-8; John 19:38-42 and 20:1-18.

### RELATED SCRIPTURES:

Matthew 20:17-19, Mark 8:31, John 12:23-25, Acts 3:13-16 and 4:32-35; Romans 8:9-11, 1 Corinthians 15:16-19

“For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.”

Paul to the church in Corinth (1 Corinthians 15:16-19)

## LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

**Read Luke 23:50-54.** What might Joseph have been thinking as he requested Jesus' body and began the basic preparation for Jesus' burial?

- What did he risk by taking this public action (consider the fact that he was a member of the Jewish ruling council as mentioned in v. 50)? Are you part of any groups where publicly associating with Jesus could bring ridicule or a loss of social standing?

**Read Luke 24:4-8 and 1 Corinthians 15:16-19.** Why did Jesus have to die and rise from the grave? Aside from confirming His own predictions as the angels mention, what are the important implications of Jesus resurrection for us as individuals?

- What are the implications for us as we choose to engage in important work to restore all that is broken on planet earth?

**Read Luke 24:10-11.** What skepticisms or pushbacks have you personally dealt with or encountered about the resurrection of Jesus? How do these passages in Luke undermine some of the common skepticisms (i.e. "Jesus wasn't really dead", "they went to the wrong tomb", "these people were gullible and quick to believe supernatural stuff.")?

**Read Romans 8:9-11.** We often talk about the fact that in Jesus' death on the cross, we see that the debt for our sins has been paid for. In Jesus' resurrection, we see that the power of our sins has been defeated.

- What sins (head, heart or hands) are the hardest for you to imagine being free from?
- How does Jesus' resurrection give us unshakable hope to fight our sin struggles now?
- Who are the people in your life that need to hear this?

**Pray.** Pray that we would live in light of the implications of Jesus' resurrection. Pray that Jesus' Spirit would fill us with confidence, hope and a relentless perseverance in putting our sin to death while we grow to trust in Jesus' life, death and resurrection more and more. Pray that Jesus would give us a never ending fuel to push back darkness and fight for justice until He brings His new and fully restored creation.