

# THE RESURRECTION REALITY Text: Luke 24 –Bill Turner

*Jesus was made alive from the dead so we can be made alive in Him*

**Series: Built on Solid Rock #6**    **Introduction:**

**1. They Thought They Had Planned the Perfect Murder...**

–The fake High Priest planned the perfect murder of the True High Priest.

**2. They Thought They Had the Perfect Plan...**

–Judas a disciple of Jesus would betray Him at night and avoid a riot from crowds

**3. They Thought They Had the Perfect Set-up...**

–Forcing Pilate to condemn Jesus for Treason against Rome.

**4. They Thought they had the Perfect Cover-Up...**

–They Didn't Realize, it wasn't really Jesus on Trial—they were ones on trial

**Jesus was crucified for the sins of the world—**

**Then made alive from the dead—so we can be made alive forever with Him**

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## I. THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS IS A PARADIGM–SHATTERING HISTORICAL EVENT

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### A. EVEN THE DISCIPLES COULDN'T COMPREHEND IT AT FIRST (v.1-12)

**1. The terrible death of Jesus was such a shattering event to the disciples...**

a) that they didn't even believe the 1st reports of His resurrection!

b) And When the Women return to tell the others—they didn't believe!

**2. The Resurrection of Jesus is such a paradigm-shattering historical event**

a) People have a hard time believe it is true!

b) And this was the case even with Jesus own disciples!

### B. THEIR EARTHLY PERSPECTIVE LIMITED THEIR ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND IT (v.13-24)

**1. The crucifixion was the last thing they thought would happen to Jesus!**

a) They thought of Jesus as a National Savior of Israel...

—to free them from Roman oppression

b) And That Dream they had built up in their Own Minds was totally destroyed when Jesus was crucified on a Roman Cross!

c) How can the Savior to Be Killed by the Very Power He Was Supposed to Overthrow!

**2. Jesus did not meet their expectations or fit their agenda!**

a) They Allowed Culture to Interpret Scripture rather than Scripture interpret Culture!

b) When Jesus fed the 5,000 they tried to take Him and Force Him to be King!

c) If He Can feed 5,000 He Can Give us what we want!

d) If He Can Feed 5,000 He can feed an army to march on Rome

**3. Many Make the Same Mistake Today: We let Culture interpret scripture instead of scripture interpreting culture...**

**4. Then we Accept Jesus only If He Meets Our Expectations and Our Agenda**

“This is the consequence of turning your God-given soul over to human dogma, you become a puppet for these (godless) ideas and agendas working behind the scenes. You think you have the ideas, but think again, they have you. And when they use you for their purpose, they will discard you, you can be certain of that. And you will be lucky if there’s anything left of you afterwards.”

(Jordon Peterson quoting Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, Gulag Archealepo)

**That is Exactly What Happened to JUDAS ISCARIOT—He Sold His God-given soul for a lie—and when satan was done w/ him there was nothing left of him on this side of eternity**

### **C. EVEN THE DISCIPLES WERE PERSUADED AGAINST THIER OWN WILL!**

**1. MARY: Mary’s Tears Obscured Her Ability to See Jesus...**

**she thought he was a gardener who had taken His body...**

a) Some people are so down trodden and full of sorrow—they can’t see the good news!  
Their Sorrow Won’t allow them to see clearly

**2. DISCIPLES: When she runs back to tell the disciples, they didn’t believe her!**

a) They were the ones arguing over who could be the greatest in the Kingdom  
b) Jesus Death destroyed their idea of the King and His Kingdom!

**3. THOMAS: When the Disciples saw Jesus, they told Thomas and He wouldn’t believe!**

Unless I See the nail prints in His hands and put my hand into His side, I will not believe

**4. His own Disciples Wouldn’t Believe—But were Convinced Against their Will!**

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## **II. THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS**

### **OPENS OUR EYES TO THE TRUTH**

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#### **A. IT OPENS OUR EYES TO THE TRUTH OF JESUS MISSION (v.25-27)**

**1. What Was Jesus Telling Them? He Explained the Mystery...**

**from Moses and the Prophets—all pointing to Him!**

- (1) The Seed of the Woman, whose heel was bruised, who crushed the serpents head
- (2) The blessing of Abraham to all nations.
- (3) The High Priest after the order of Melchizedek.
- (4) The Lion of the Tribe of Judah.
- (5) The voice from the burning bush.
- (6) The Passover Lamb.
- (7) The Prophet greater than Moses.
- (8) The Savior who’s hands were pierced from Psalm 22.
- (9) The Good Shepherd of Psalm 23.
- (10) The Suffering Servant of Isaiah 53.
- (11) The Son of Man in Daniel Crowned King over an Everlasting Kingdom Not of This World!

**2. This was the Mystery the Angels and the Prophets Desired to know...**

a) How Jesus Would Ultimately Defeat Satan, Sin and Death... **(1 Pet. 1:10-12)**

## **B. OPENS OUR EYES TO THE TRUTH OF JESUS RESURRECTION (v.28-35)**

1. They Still Didn't Know This was Jesus Alive from the Dead!
2. But as Jesus taught them from Scripture...
3. As His Pierced Hands broke the Bread...
4. Their Hearts Were Burning and their Eyes were Opened  
to Recognize the Risen Savior Jesus!

## **C. IT OPENS OUR EYES TO THE TRUTH OF GOD'S PLAN**

1. God Exists
  2. That Nothing is Impossible for God
  3. There is Life after Death
  4. Death is not the End—it is the Beginning
  5. That Every Person that Ever Lived and died in History is Alive Right NOW!
  6. That ALL the Graves will be opened & the Dead will Rise at His voice
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# **III. THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING**

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## **A. BECAUSE THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS IS REAL—WE NO LONGER NEED TO BE TROUBLED BY FEAR & DOUBT (v.36-43)**

1. Notice the First Thing Jesus Says: **Peace to You!**
  - a) Every Resurrection Appearance Jesus would Comfort His Disciples...  
saying: **Rejoice, Do Not Be Afraid, Peace to You!**
2. **Even When They Were Terrified with Fear Jesus Shows them the Evidence!**
  - a) He Shows them His Pierced Hands and Feet
  - b) He Told them a spirit does not have flesh and bones as He had
  - c) He Even Ate some food in their presence
3. **Jesus is proving that He physically arose from the dead!**
  - a) The Same Body Crucified and Buried is the Same Body Risen from the dead!
  - b) Not an apparition, or a vision, or a ghost or spirit...
  - c) it is Jesus Christ Himself Alive From the Dead!

## **B. JESUS WAS MADE ALIVE FROM THE DEAD— SO WE COULD BE MADE ALIVE IN CHRIST**

1. **This Was the Plan All Along! (v.44-48)**
  - a) Jesus Life Showed us the Character of God
  - b) Jesus Death Showed us the Love of God
  - c) Jesus Resurrection showed us the Power of God
2. **Jesus was made alive from the dead—so we can be made alive in Him**  
**(Rom 6:3-6)**
3. **His resurrection is critical to our salvation!**

“if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” (Romans 10:9)

### **C. JESUS WAS MADE ALIVE FROM THE DEAD—TO PREPARE AN ETERNAL DWELLING PLACE FOR US!**

- 1. The Disciples Didn't Want Jesus to Leave! But it was necessary...**
  - a) To be our Mediator and intercessor at the right hand of God
  - b) To be enthroned as King with all authority in heaven and on earth
  - c) And to prepare an eternal dwelling for His People (**John 14:1-3**)

### **D. JESUS RESURRECTION IS A PICTURE OF THE FINAL RESURRECTION**

- 1. The first-fruits of our resurrection when Death will be conquered forever!**  
**(1 Corinthians 15:20–26)**
- 2. Those who look at the suffering and evil of this broken world and ask:**  
**why doesn't God do something?**
- 3. God already Answered that Question—He will do something!**  
**God will judge and condemn this world and Save His people from it**
- 4. He will end all sin, all evil, all suffering (**John 5:28–29**)**
- 5. But Before the Final Judgement Day—**  
**God Sent His Son to Save the World, Not Condemn it!**  
**(John 3:16-19)**

### **CONCLUSION:**

- 1. Jesus was made alive from the dead so we can be made alive in Him**  
**(John 11:25–26)**
- 2. Do You Believe this?**