

New Song Fellowship Church

Being and Making Disciples

He Is Risen...Now What?

Pastor Dean Murphy | Sunday, April 5, 2026 | Luke 24:1-8 | Gospel of Luke

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Friday...

Luk 23:54 It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was about to begin. 55 The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it. 56 Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment.

The day of Darkness...

Sunday... Luk 24:1 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

Luk 24:4 While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. 5 In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? 6 He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 7 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" 8 Then they remembered his words.

He is risen...now what? I'll under score four of the responses noted in the Gospel accounts...

Lk 24:9 When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. 10 It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. 11 But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.

The first response...nonsense!

Mat 16:21 From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

Second response- wondering...

Luk 24:12 Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

Third response- fabrication...

Mat 28:11 While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. 12 When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, 13 telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.'" 14 If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." 15 So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

Let's look at the facts...

history / archaeology-

testimony...1Co 15:3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. 6 After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, 8 and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

Jesus rose from the dead. Fact. Now what?

Responses today will likely be the same

Nonsense!

Fabrication -

Wondering - Joh 11:25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; 26 and who ever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

Joh 11:27 "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

The fourth (the faithful) response

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Act 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Luk 24:11 But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.

1Co 1:18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that who ever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Weekly Reflection

Take a few moments this week to sit with these questions.

1. When you first heard about Jesus's resurrection, which response resonated most with you -- skepticism, curiosity, resistance, or belief -- and what drew you toward faith in that moment?
2. Pastor Dean identifies four responses to the Resurrection: nonsense, wondering, fabrication, and faithful witness. In your own spiritual life right now, which of these responses do you find yourself drifting toward, and what would it look like to move deeper into faithful witness?
3. If the Resurrection is true, what does that change about how you live this week -- in your relationships, your decisions, and the way you speak about your faith to others?