



SEEING THE EXALTED JESUS

PASTOR MIKE YODER • LUKE 24:1-12

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.

Luke 24:1

They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,

Luke 24:2

but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them.

Luke 24:4

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?”

*He is not here; He has risen! Remember how He told you,
while He was still with you in Galilee:*

Luke 24:6

‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ ”

Luke 24:7

Then they remembered His words.

When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others.

Luke 24:9

*It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James,
and the others with them who told this to the apostles.*

Luke 24:10

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

Luke 24:11

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.

Luke 24:12

Without resurrection, Christianity is just another human approach to reach God; it is emptied of transforming power and hope. To hope in a resurrection that did not occur makes Christians the most pitied of people.

Darrell Bock

It is to believe an illusion. Without a resurrected Jesus, Christianity has nothing special to offer the world, for a dead Savior is no Savior at all.

Darrell Bock



**We look for what we
expect to see. (24:1–3)**





It is possible to have great love for Christ and absolutely no faith.

Colin Smith



**We overlook what we
ought to see. (24:4–8)**

And He said, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and He must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.”

Luke 9:22

Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, “We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled.

Luke 18:31

He will be delivered over to the Gentiles. They will mock Him, insult Him and spit on Him;

Luke 18:32

they will flog Him and kill Him. On the third day He will rise again.”

Luke 18:33

The disciples did not understand any of this. Its meaning was hidden from them, and they did not know what He was talking about.



We disregard what we
choose not to see. (24:9–12)

The apostles were not men poised on the brink of belief and needing only the shadow of an excuse before launching forth into a proclamation of resurrection. They were utterly skeptical.

Leon Morris



We can embrace what
we have eyes to see.

*Then He opened their minds so they could understand
the Scriptures.*

Luke 24:45

He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,

and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Luke 24:47

You are witnesses of these things.

Luke 24:48

*I am going to send you what My Father has promised;
but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power
from on high.”*

Luke 24:49

When Jesus died, He cut a hole in death itself...Death is no longer a prison, but a passage.

Colin Smith

Are we willing to allow the evidence to revise our narrative? Or are we determined to make the evidence confirm our narrative?

Christian faith does not rest on feelings, impulses, or personal insights. It is believing God's explanation of events, given to us in the Scripture: "He has risen!"

Colin Smith

God did not make himself known through a system of teaching nor a theology nor a book, but through a series of events recorded in the Bible.

George Elden Ladd

His resurrection is the event that validates all that came before. If Christ is not risen from the dead, the long course of God's redemptive acts to save His people end in a dead-end street, in a tomb.

George Elden Ladd



**Jesus is the fulfillment of
God's promises and the image
for our clearest vision.**