

# **Weirdest. Day. Ever.**

## **(and its impact on your life)**

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**Luke 24:1-9** “But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup>And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, ‘Why do you seek the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup>He is not here, but has risen. Remember how He told you, while He was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.’ <sup>8</sup>And they remembered His words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.”

Reader: This is the Word of The Lord.

Response: ***Thanks Be To God!***

### **I. You can't domesticate the resurrection of Jesus Christ!**

#### **5 Reasons Why The First Resurrection Sunday** **Was *THE* Weirdest Day Ever**

1. The stone was rolled away (Luke 24:2).
2. Jesus' body was missing (Luke 24:3).
3. Two men appeared in dazzling apparel (Luke 24:4).
4. The women were asked why they were in a cemetery looking for Someone Who died (Luke 24:5).
5. The disciples couldn't recognize Him on the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:16).

### **II. You can't mythify the resurrection of Jesus Christ!**

*Those who think the resurrection of Jesus is a myth  
probably haven't read many myths.*

- A. The Gospel writers associate Jesus' resurrection with identifiable historical figures (i.e., Luke 23 refers to Pontius Pilate & King Herod).
- B. Peter says that he and the other Apostles “ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead” (Acts 10:39-41). This is not how mythmakers talk or write.
- C. Paul's constant use of the Greek word εὐαγγέλιον when describing these events meant this was actual news. Something had actually happened that was newsworthy, and it was going to change the world!

### **III. You can't deny the impact of the resurrection of Jesus Christ!**

- A. The resurrection means Jesus is Lord! (*Kaiser Kyrios vs. Iesous Kyrios*)
- B. The resurrection proves Jesus' claims about Himself to be true!

**John 20:26-28** "Eight days later, His disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>27</sup> Then He said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.' <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered Him, 'My Lord and my God!'"

- C. The resurrection shows God's love can overpower anything and everything in the world, even death itself!

**1 Corinthians 15:54-57** "When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

'Death is swallowed up in victory.'

<sup>55</sup> 'O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?'

<sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

#### **IV. You can't deny the necessary & obvious response to the resurrection of Jesus Christ!**

**Acts 2:36-39** "'Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.' <sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?' <sup>38</sup> And Peter said to them, 'Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself.'"

**John 20:29** "Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? **Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.**'"

#### **Questions for Personal Reflection and/or Community Group Discussion:**

1. When did you first learn of the resurrection of Jesus?
2. When you learned of the resurrection of Christ, did you find it hard to believe? Why or why not?
3. Why is it important to never forget the bizarre nature of the resurrection of Jesus Christ?
4. How is your life different today because of the resurrection?
5. As we celebrate the resurrection of Christ this year, what impact can it have on an area of your life in which you're growing or feeling hopeless?