

Easter Sunday
“Why the Resurrection Matters”
The Research of Luke

The Meaning of Resurrection

*The Resurrection is the Only Event in History that
Challenges all that we logically know about this life.*

If it is true, then all things related to dying, suffering, pain, and death become of temporal significance and have no power or authority over our long-term and eternal well-being.

*We were designed by God
for more than what we have known!*

A Journalist’s Research and Results

1. Luke was an investigative journalist interested in relevant details of what happened during the life of Jesus.

Luke 1:1-3	Careful investigation, research, interviews
Luke 22:66-71	A Trial
Luke 23:13-23	An Innocent Verdict
Luke 23:33-38	A Crucifixion
Luke 23:50-56	A Burial

2. Luke was interested in specific details of the resurrected body of Jesus according to eye-witnesses.

Luke 24:1-7	It somehow involved the earthly body of Jesus.
Luke 24:36-43	The resurrected Jesus was not a spirit The resurrected Jesus had a physical body The resurrected Jesus needed to eat

3. Luke recorded specific instructions from Jesus that He gave after the resurrection.

Luke 24:44-46 He had fulfilled the Old Testament promises

Luke 24:47-48 Forgiveness is now guaranteed through Jesus

The Resurrection-Informed Life

- **TRUE HOPE: Jesus’ resurrection with a physical body informs the highest value of my physical body for life into eternity.**

*A body designed for enjoying life on a new earth without the
consequences of sin and experiences associated with death.*

- **If Jesus died to secure life without death, then I need an attitude adjustment in my value of what this life really offers.**

“Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; the one who believes in Me will live, even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?” John 11:25-26

- **If Jesus denied preservation of His life for us, then I need less focus upon me and more upon the real needs of others.**

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:19-21

Our Priority in the Live’s of Others:
“Repentance for the Forgiveness of Sins” Luke 24:47
Equal’s **“Treasures in Heaven**