

April 19-20, 2024

Title: Who Will Deliver Me? Pt 3: "The Risen, Prophesied Christ" – Luke 24:1-34

Big Ideas:

- **24:1-12 – Don't look for the living among the dead! Run to Jesus for forgiveness and life!**
- **24:13-34 – Jesus is the risen, prophesied Christ who delivers. Will you look to Him?**

What in the message stood out to you?

What questions do you have?

1. Don't look for the living among the dead – Luke 24:1-11

Read Luke 24:1-11. Based on everything you know about the disciples' experience with Jesus on earth, do you think you would have expected the resurrection of Jesus to happen? Why or why not?

Do you still struggle to believe in the resurrection? Why or why not?

What, to you, is the most compelling reason to believe in the resurrection of Jesus?

Reflect on the phrase "He is risen" and its implications for our lives today. How does the reality of Christ's resurrection shape our identity, purpose, and hope as followers of Christ?

In what ways do we look for LIFE in places that are DEAD today? How can we look for LIFE in Jesus instead?

2. Run to Jesus for forgiveness and life – Luke 24:12.

Read Luke 22:61-62 and Luke 24:12. The last time Peter had seen Jesus was during Jesus' trial where he was being condemned to death. Peter, out of fear of being arrested himself, denied even knowing Jesus. What do you think was going through Peter's mind as he saw the empty tomb and the linen cloths that his dead body had been wrapped in?

Have you ever struggled to believe that Jesus could forgive you? Why or why not?

What should always be a believer's response to Jesus after we sin?

3. The risen, prophesied Christ – Luke 24:13-34

Read Luke 24:13-24. Have you ever experienced a moment where you felt unable to recognize the presence of Jesus due to your circumstances or expectations? How did God work in your life during this time?

In verses 19-21, how did the two men characterize Jesus' words and deeds?

In verses 25-27, Jesus mildly rebukes the unbelief of the two and explains from the Scriptures the necessity for the Messiah to suffer and then be glorified. It then says that their hearts burned within them

as Jesus spoke. Why do you think so many believers do not experience a great hunger for the Word from reading the Bible?

What changes need to take place regarding your commitment to the Word? Have a group member pray for the group to have a deeper hunger for God's Word.

In verse 31, what is the significance of the phrase "their eyes were opened?"

The two then rushed back to Jerusalem to tell the eleven that they had seen the risen Christ. Why is sharing the News always the first reaction of those who believe?

When is the last time you shared the Good News of Jesus with an unbeliever? What is stopping you from sharing? How can you overcome this?

"Next Step" Takeaways – Discuss and pray through the following:

- With God:
 - Be honest with God about your doubts. Ask Him to help you overcome them.
- With Others:
 - Take turns praying for each person – that God would strengthen their faith, increase their hunger for His Word, and lead them to share Jesus with others.
 - Consider attending the "First Step Welcome Lunch" at 12:15pm on 4/7 if you have never done so. Invite someone newer to attend with you.
- On Mission:
 - Have each person name one unbelieving person they would like the group to commit to praying for.