

JESUS RISEN...FOR ME ***My Substitute (Part 6)***

⁴¹ But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵ 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?" ⁶ He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise. ⁸ And they remembered his words," Luke 24:1-8 (ESV)

I. HE'S RISEN IN POWER OVER CONFUSION.

⁴⁵ The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. ⁵⁶ Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment." Luke 23:55-56 (ESV)

⁴³ "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." John 16:33 (ESV)

II. HE'S RISEN IN POWER OVER DOUBT.

⁴⁸ And they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹ but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened." Luke 24:8-12 (ESV)

Resurrection power cannot break the chains of doubt.

Three Common Resurrection Compromises:

- A. Jesus risen in spirit.**
- B. Jesus risen in our hearts.**
- C. Jesus risen in the sense His teachings live on.**

If Jesus Christ did not rise physically from the dead then...

- A. He is a liar.**

²¹ From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised." Matthew 16:21 (ESV)

B. He is not God.

⁴⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, 'Fear not, I am the first and the last,'" Revelation 1:17 (ESV)

C. There is no forgiveness of sin, no salvation, and no eternal life.

⁴⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins." 1 Corinthians 15:17 (ESV)

⁴⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain." 1 Corinthians 15:14 (ESV)

Evidence for the Resurrection of Christ

If Jesus didn't rise from the dead...

A. Who rolled the stone away?

B. Who overcame the Roman guards?

C. Who recruited 500 people to lie about it?

D. Who got those fearful disciples willing to die for their faith in Jesus?

III. HE'S RISEN IN POWER OVER SADNESS.

⁴³ That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, 'What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?' And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?' ¹⁹ And he said to them, 'What things?' And they said to him, 'Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened.'" Luke 24:13-21 (ESV)

⁴² Hope deferred makes the heart sick," Proverbs 13:12a (ESV)

²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. ²⁸ So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹ but they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.' So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹ And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each

other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?'" Luke 24:27-32 (ESV)

How can I get the power of Jesus' resurrection in my life?

- **Believe what Jesus said!**

²⁵ And he said to them, 'O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!'" Luke 24:25 (ESV)