

TODAY'S READING:

Luke 24:1-7

...SUDDENLY TWO MEN IN CLOTHES THAT GLEAMED LIKE LIGHTNING STOOD BESIDE THEM. 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!"

- LUKE 24:4-6

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Early Sunday morning, some of Jesus' grieving friends traveled to his grave to better prepare his dead body for the customary Jewish burial. They are unsuccessful. It actually gets even worse. His body is gone. They can't even give Jesus a decent burial. An angel announces the obvious, "He is not here." However that same angel then adds the words that changed everything for them and for us. Those next words have ushered millions into eternal life since that Sunday morning: "He is Risen, just as He said."

Just as Jesus laid down his life with a purpose - to forever cleanse away the sins that separated us from God, he also rose from the dead with us as His purpose. He said it best: "Because I live, you shall live also." He is so worthy of our gratitude and devotion, forever. Just like Jesus, we're alive forevermore!

- Pastor Keith Smith



- 1 How would our future be different if Jesus had died for us but had not risen from the dead?
- 2 What do you imagine you would say to Jesus when you see him in heaven?

**Families,
Try this at home!**

Jesus paid the price for our sin, and He conquered sin and death.

1. What is the resurrection of Jesus? (Jesus came back to life from physical death with a glorified body, never to die again. Jesus' resurrection shows that He is the Son of God.)

2. Why is Jesus' resurrection good news? (When we believe that Jesus is God's Son and trust in Him, we are saved from sin and are called God's children.)
