

## Scripture Reading

### **Luke 24:1-7 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> 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? <sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: <sup>7</sup> 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'"

1) Does He live?

### **1 Corinthians 15:17-20 (NIV)**

<sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. <sup>19</sup> If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. <sup>20</sup> But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

a) Jesus' Own Claim That He Would Rise from the Dead

b) The Empty Tomb and the Inability to Produce a Body

c) The Dramatic Change in the Disciples

d) Numerous Eyewitnesses

### **1 Corinthians 15:3-8 (NIV)**

<sup>3</sup> For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. <sup>6</sup> After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.

<sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, <sup>8</sup> and last of all he appeared to me also

2) What difference does it make?

**Isaiah 59:2 (NIV)**

<sup>2</sup> But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.

**1 Corinthians 15:17 (NIV)**

<sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

**1 Peter 3:18 (NIV)**

<sup>18</sup> For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

**John 11:25-26 (NIV)**

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; <sup>26</sup> and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

3) Does He live in you?

**Galatians 2:20 (NIV)**

<sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

**2 Corinthians 13:5 (NIV)**

<sup>5</sup> Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you--unless, of course, you fail the test?

**Romans 10:9-10 (NIV)**

<sup>9</sup> That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.