Easter Sunday Luke 24 April 1, 2018 / Pastor Shawn Penn

The Cross Saves Us "From"

²⁵He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?"

²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in ALL the Scriptures concerning himself. Luke 24:25-27

The Resurrection Saves Us "For"

(1) The Resurrection confirms <u>All</u> God's <u>Promises</u>.

²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in ALL the Scriptures concerning himself. Luke 24:27 ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

Luke 24:32

(2) The Resurrection gives <u>Hope Beyond the Grave</u>.

38"Why are you troubled and why do doubts rise in your minds? 39Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement. . . . "

Luke 24:38-40

(3) The Resurrection <u>Launches</u> My <u>Kingdom Assignment</u>.

⁴⁶ He told them, 'This is what is written: 'The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

48 You are witnesses of these things. Luke 24:46-48

(4) The Resurrection gives me the <u>Power of God</u> in my life.

⁴⁹"I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Luke 24:49

Discussion Questions

- 1. When did you receive Jesus as Lord? Share with your group the circumstances surrounding your conversion.
- 2. What was it that finally convinced you of (a) your need for salvation and (b) that Jesus was the only one capable of saving you?
- 3. Is the resurrection of Jesus essential for salvation and living the "Christian" life? If so, why? If not, why not?
- 4. Pastor Shawn shared several benefits Jesus' resurrection brings to our life. What are they? According to the Bible, are there other benefits that the reality of Jesus' resurrection brings into the life of a Believer? Is so, what are they? where are they found in the Bible?
- 5. What would you say (could you say) to a friend who is doubting the claims of Jesus' resurrection?
- 6. How does the resurrection of Jesus differentiate the claims of Christianity from all other religions?