

Luke 24:1-12 Discussion Questions

- This passage begins with a group of women finding the empty tomb and an angel asking them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead?” What did the angel mean by that question?
 - Wesley noted that if we look to Jesus as merely a teacher of moral principles, we will be looking for him “among the dead.” What’s wrong about looking to Jesus this way?
 - How does reducing Jesus to a moral teacher fall short of the gospel message?
- After the angel reminds them of Jesus’ predictions, verse 9 says “they remembered His words.” Why do you think we are prone to forget what God has already said or done?
 - What are some practical ways we can “remember” Jesus’ words in our day-to-day?
- Why did Jesus have to die?
 - What would be missing if Jesus had only taught and performed miracles but never went to the cross?
- What does the cross say about our true condition?
 - How does this challenge common assumptions about human nature today?
 - How are we tempted to minimize or avoid what the cross says about sin?
- Wesley said, “God is too just to ignore sin, but too loving to leave you in it.” How does the cross show God’s perfect justice and mercy? (see Rom. 3:26)
 - (If interested, see this tension in Exodus 34:6-7, which is finally answered at the cross)

- If Jesus had died but not risen again, what would that mean for us? What hope would we lose? (see 1 Cor. 15:17)
- How does His resurrection prove that the cross “worked”?
 - How does it confirm Jesus’ claims about himself?
 - How might believing in the resurrection change the way we suffer?
 - How should it change the way we view death? (see Romans 8:11; 1 Cor. 15:55)
 - How does it enable us to trust what Jesus has said?
 - How can we lean on his promises in moments of doubt?
- Wesley said the question is not just “Do you believe the resurrection is true?” but “Do you know Him?” What’s the difference?
 - How can someone move from intellectual belief to relational trust?