**Pastor Demetric Felton Sr April 9, 2023**

**The Resurrection Is A Fact Not Fiction**

Luke 24:36-49

**Key Truth**: The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the centerpiece of the gospel. Without it, Jesus’s death and burial would be rendered meaningless.

**The Proof Of the Resurrection:**

1. The Bible prophesied that Jesus would rise from the dead

 before He was ever born. Isaiah 53:10-11, Psalm 16:10-11

2. Jesus told His disciples and enemies that He would be

 murdered and that He would rise again, from the dead.

 Matthew 27:62-66, John 2:18-22

3. There were eyewitnesses who saw Jesus die and saw Him

 alive after His resurrection. 1 Corinthians 15:3-6

**The Purpose of the Resurrection:**

1. Is the receipt that Jesus’ death was accepted as the payment

 for our sins. Romans 1:4, Romans 4:25

2. It is proof that Jesus is Lord and God. John 20:26-29,

 Romans 10:6-9

**The Power Of The Resurrection:**

1. Declares death no longer has power over Jesus’ disciples.

 1 Corinthians 15:55-56

2. Gives unshakeable hope that this life is not the end for

 believers. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

3. Gives us purpose for this life and the life to come. Luke 24:47-48

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Trust Jesus Christ as Lord! Thank God for the love He has shown you in Jesus Christ. Pray for those around you who do not have the hope of the resurrection.

**Connection Group Homework:**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Read Luke 24:1-12: What were the women planning to do? Why did they go instead of Jesus’ Apostles?

What explanation did the angels give for Jesus not being in the tomb?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-19: What did Paul mean when he suggested that without the resurrection we only have hope in this life? Why is faith in a Jesus who did not rise from the dead insufficient?

How does Christ’s resurrection show He is God? How does that affect His atoning death?

Read Luke 9:21-22. How was the empty tomb part of Jesus’ plan? Why didn’t they remember Jesus saying this?

Read John 20:24-29: Why is it hard to trust God when our plans don’t match up with His plan? How can we marvel as Thomas did when we experience and better understand God’s plan?

Read Acts 4:17-20: How did the resurrection of Jesus give Apostles the courage to proclaim the gospel no matter what anyone said.

Who can you share the gospel with and invite to church this week?