



# Jubilee

a season of renewal

**“We Have Something to Celebrate”**

**Luke 24:1-12**



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## Sermon in a Sentence

For every Christian, the Resurrection and what it means is a reason to celebrate.

## Question

Why is the resurrection a reason to celebrate?

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### I. The resurrection is powerful.

#### A. When the women arrived at the tomb, they found the stone had been rolled away.

1. The open tomb defied human ability.

- Mark 16:1-4

*When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.*

*And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large.*

2. The open tomb defied human authority.

- Matthew 27:62-66

*The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.' Therefore, order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can." So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.*

3. The open tomb defied human assumption.

- Mark 16:1

*When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him.*

#### B. The resurrection still defies expectations.

1. *The resurrection has power beyond human ability.*

2. *The resurrection has power beyond human authority.*

3. *The resurrection has power beyond human assumption.*

#### C. If a person has not experienced the power of the resurrection, then they have not truly experienced the resurrection.

## II. The resurrection fulfills a promise.

- A. The angels reminded the women of the promise Jesus had made regarding the resurrection.
- B. We, too, can experience the promise of the resurrection for ourselves.

### 1. The resurrection promises salvation.

- Romans 10:9-10

*...because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.*

### 2. The resurrection promises a new life.

- Romans 6:4- *We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*

### 3. The resurrection promises a new relationship with God.

- Romans 8:15- *For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"*

### 4. The resurrection promises eternal life.

- 1 John 5:11

*And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.*

- C. If a person has not experienced the promises of the resurrection, then they have not truly experienced the resurrection.

## III. The resurrection is personal.

- A. When the women came back and told of the resurrection, some doubted, but Peter chose to see for himself.
- B. The simple invitation to anyone and everyone is to come and see for yourself.
- C. When we experience the resurrection personally, then we will truly experience a reason to celebrate.

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