

WHERE ARE YOU LOOKING FOR JESUS?

An Easter Message

Luke 24:1-12

“Why do you look for the living among the dead?” Luke 24:5

EXPLORING THE QUESTION ABOUT THE LIVING ONE:

1. ASK, “WHERE IS MY MIND THIS

EASTER MORNING ?”

“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. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. 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?’”
Luke 24:1-5 (NIV)

2. ASK MYSELF, “WHAT ARE THE FACTS OF

THE FIRST EASTER ?”

“Why do you seek the living One among the dead?” (NAS)

“Why are you looking in a tomb for someone who is alive?” (NLT)

“He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’” Luke 24:6-7 (NIV)

3. ASK, “WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS ?

A. GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES

“‘Remember how he told you ... [that he] must be ... crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ Then they remembered his words.” Luke 24:6-8 (NIV)

B. SEEK HIM AMONG THE LIVING

“Why are you looking in a tomb for someone who is alive?”
Luke 24:5b (NLT)

4. ASK, “HOW DO I RESPOND ?”

A. PRAY TO JESUS ,

ASKING TO ENCOUNTER HIM

“Many times I [Paul] had them whipped in the synagogues to try to get them to curse Christ. I was so violently opposed to them that I even hounded them in distant cities of foreign lands. One day I was on such a mission to Damascus ... About noon ... a light from heaven brighter than the sun shone down on me and my companions ... We all fell down, and I heard a voice saying to me ..., ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to fight against my will.’ ‘Who are you, sir?’ I asked. And the Lord replied, ‘I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting. Now stand up! For I have appeared to you to appoint you as my ... witness. You are to tell the world about this experience ... I am going to send you to the Gentiles, to open their eyes so they may turn from darkness to light, and ... to God. Then they will receive forgiveness for their sins and be given a place among God's people, who are set apart by faith in me’ ... I teach nothing except what the prophets and Moses said would happen – that the Messiah would suffer and be the first to rise from the dead as a light to Jews and Gentiles alike.” Acts 26:11-23 (NLT)