

“THE POWER OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION”

1. What time do you normally have to get up in the morning? How about on a day off?

2. Given what all these women have experienced in the last few days (19:37ff; 23:26-49, 55), how would they feel as they prepare to go to the tomb? When they find it empty? When the two men spoke to them?

3. Why wouldn't the Eleven believe them? What must be going through Peter's mind?

4. Eavesdrop on the two disciples on the road to Emmaus: What things are they likely talking about as they walk (see vv. 19-24)? What tones of voice do you hear? What hopes are dashed? What plans might they be making? How do they react to the “stranger”?

5. From your knowledge of OT prophecy and law, what passages might “the stranger” have discussed with them in verses 25-27? Why did Jesus do this roundabout Bible study rather than just reveal his identity immediately and directly?

6. How does the time at dinner open their eyes? What happens to Jesus when they recognize him? Why do you think he leaves?

7. What has happened to the other disciples that has caused them to change their minds from verse 11? Why a special appearance to Peter? What expectations must they have now (see also Ac 1:6)?

8. How is “peace be with you” a good summary of the gospel?

9. Why are the disciples having such difficulty believing: (a) Not using their eyes? (b) Not enough evidence? (c) Not enough faith? (d) Too much joy? Why was it necessary for them to see that Jesus was not a ghost?

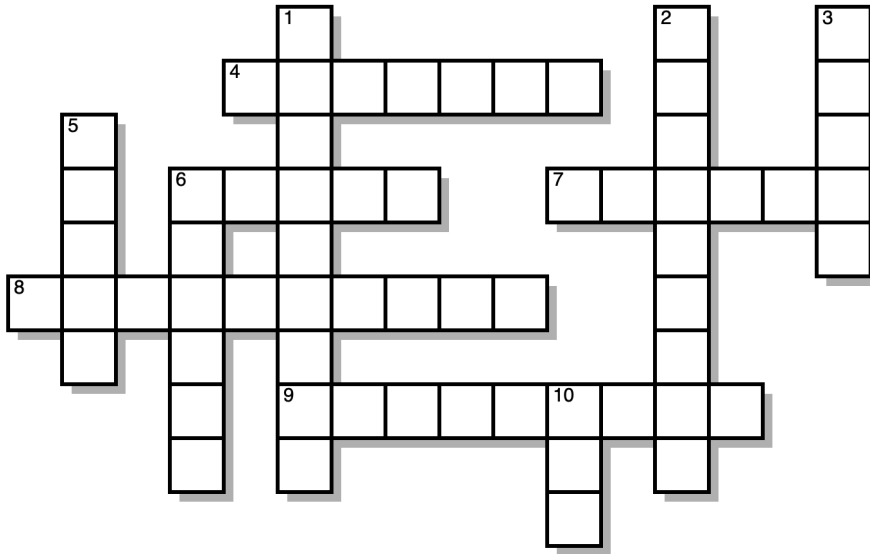
10. Why should Jesus' followers have anticipated the resurrection rather than expressing surprise and doubt? What helps them to believe?

11. Which evidence for the resurrection do you find most convincing? Why?

12. What task does Jesus give the disciples? With what promise? How must they have felt?

13. How would you live differently if Jesus was not currently reigning in heaven, but was only another noble martyr? Why?

14. In light of your circumstances, where is the “mission field” Jesus has called you to? Who are some of the people in that “field”? How can you be a witness to them by your life? By your words?



ACROSS

- 4 The disciples gave Jesus a piece of _____ fish. (24:42)
- 6 Prior to the arrival of the 2 disciples who had been on the road to Emmaus, the disciples had just heard of Jesus' appearance to this man. (24:34)
- 7 "Why are you troubled, and why do _____ arise in your hearts?" (24:38)
- 8 "Then he opened their minds to understand the _____". (24:45)
- 9 "As for you, stay in the city until you are _____ from on high." (Luke 24:49)

DOWN

- 1 Joseph of _____ took Jesus' body and placed it in his own tomb. (23:51)
- 2 Where would the launching point be for the Gospel? (24:47)
- 3 When Jesus first appeared, the disciples thought Him to be this type of entity (24:37).
- 5 When Jesus appeared, He immediately said to them, "_____ to you." (24:36)
- 6 What had the women who came to the tomb prepared? (24:1)
- 10 In order to display the fact that He was truly flesh and blood, Jesus asked the disciples for something to _____. (24:41)

WORD SEARCH:

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| Emmaus | Fish |
| Hearts | Moses |
| Scriptures | Prophets |
| Jerusalem | Psalms |
| Disciples | Opened |
| Risen | Understand |
| Peace | Forsaken |
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| Frightened | Forgiveness |
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| Feet | Witnesses |
| Touch | Promise |
| See | Father |
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