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WEEK 13 · 2026

2026 THEME
Transformed to Bear Much Fruit

THIS WEEK'S STUDY

A Day of Good News

Luke 24:1–12

I Introduction

The world is often comfortable calling Jesus a good man or a great teacher, but the claim of His resurrection is what sets Him apart as the true Saviour. No other religious leader conquered death. The resurrection is the ultimate proof of Christ's authority and the foundation of our faith. This is the good news we celebrate at Easter.

II The Cross

Before the resurrection came the Cross: a place of suffering, shame, and condemnation, yet also the place where God's grace was most clearly revealed. At Calvary we see a powerful contrast: humanity at its worst and God at His best. Even in the face of rejection, mockery, and ingratitude, Jesus demonstrated love and forgiveness. The people who ate bread and fish in the wilderness, and who greeted His entry into Jerusalem with shouts of "Hosanna!", now turned against Him. Christ's response becomes our example when we face rejection or hurt.

> ROOM AT THE CROSS FOR EVERYONE
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> *The Cross represents every category of humanity: ordinary people, scribes and Pharisees, soldiers, people like you and me. The thieves represent social failure; the repentant thief shows that salvation is available even at the last moment. Peter represents those who have failed or backslidden. The sorrowful women reflect the broken-hearted. Jesus died for all, regardless of past mistakes, pain, or status.*

III From the Grave to Resurrection

The Silence of the Grave

Saturday symbolized hopelessness: the apparent victory of death, the satisfaction of Christ's enemies, and the despair of His followers. After the turmoil and grief of Good Friday, the sealed tomb seemed final, representing ultimate separation and defeat.

The Third Day

Everything changed. Resurrection power overcame the grave, the authorities, and every force of darkness. That same power is available to believers today: victory over sin, strength in trials, hope in despair. Because Christ is risen, death is no longer the end.

The Cross shows us God's love, the grave reveals the reality of human limitation, but the resurrection declares God's ultimate power over sin and death. We now live with the assurance of eternal life and the ongoing intercession of our risen Saviour.

IV Discussion Questions

1. Why is the resurrection central to the Christian faith, beyond Jesus being a "good man"?
2. What does the Cross teach us about God's response to human failure and sin?
3. Which group at the Cross (the thief, John, the crowd, the sorrowful women) do you relate to most, and why?
4. How can we practically experience the power of the resurrection in our daily lives?

MEMORY VERSE

He is not here, but is risen!

LUKE 24:6

✷ ACTION POINT

Reflect on an area of your life where you feel defeated, discouraged, or burdened. This week, intentionally pray and declare the power of Christ's resurrection over that situation, trusting God for renewal, strength, and victory.

Conclusion

The resurrection of Jesus Christ turns what seemed like the darkest moment in history into the greatest victory. This is truly a day of good news: Christ is risen, He is alive, and He is still at work in our lives. Because He lives, there is hope for the lost, restoration for the broken, and victory for every believer.