

*“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.<sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> 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?” <sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: <sup>7</sup> ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’” Luke 24:1-7*

Today, despite what is going on in the world around you, know the Grave is Still Empty, and Jesus He is Still Alive!!! And if that is true for you, then How Has that Affected Your Life?

### **I. Jesus’ disciples went into a dark place of doubt.**

The disciples when with Jesus was used to winning always but now after their experience in the Gethsemane (Mark 13:34), seeing his beaten, disfigured body hanging on a Cross (Isaiah 52:14), they ran and hide in fear questioning all that Jesus taught (Mark 14:50).

Be honest with yourself today, are you are struggling with questions and doubt about the Bible, Jesus, Christianity?

### **II. So, what had changed in these disciples? They Saw Jesus Rise from the Dead!**

*“On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.” John 20:19-20 (NIV)*

Peter once fearful (Mark 14:66-72) now post resurrection, fearless (Acts 5:18-40)

### **III. When you know Jesus and His resurrection you to will become fearless!**

*“The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.” Romans 8:11 (NLT)*

*“Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. <sup>2</sup> By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word, I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. <sup>3</sup> For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures . . .” 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 (NIV)*

#### **IV. Look Up Your Jesus is Coming Back Soon! (Acts 1:6-11)**

*“Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”* (vs. 11)

When Jesus was telling his disciples about the signs of His return He said; *“When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”* Luke 21:28

#### **V. The Bible, God’s Word is not some unbelievable fiction book or story, IT IS FACT.**

*“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”* 2 Tim. 3:16-17

*“Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet’s own understanding, <sup>21</sup>or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God.”* 2 Peter 1:20-21 (NLT)

Fall in love with God’s Word, you will find your doubt will fade and your questions answered. God’s Word is preserved for you by the Holy Spirit so you can know God and His plan of redemption for your life personally. Don’t’ be satisfied to have someone else to read it for you. Read it yourself and let it speak to you directly.

*“So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ.”* Romans 10:17 (NLT)

There is an attack on the Church and the Bible like never before in our lifetime here in American. Just because individuals having letters behind their names doesn’t mean they understand God’s Word. Be careful not to allow individuals to sway you from God’s Truth. Your eternity is at stake.

*“As the Scriptures say, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and discard the intelligence of the intelligent.” <sup>20</sup>So where does this leave the philosophers, the scholars, and the world’s brilliant debaters? God has made the wisdom of this world look foolish. <sup>21</sup>Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never know him through human wisdom, he has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe.”* 1 Corinthians 1:19-21 (NLT)

*“Only fools say in their hearts, “There is no God.”* Psalm 14:1 (NLT)

*“The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.”* 1 Corinthians 2:14 (NIV)