



friendship
community church

Resurrection Sunday

Luke 24:1-12

Week of April 12-18, 2020

*Just for fun – Ask, What color scheme did Pastor Michael wear on Sunday?
_____ sweater and _____ Converse® tennis shoes (Hawaiian floral print
for bonus points)*

Ask, What is one thing that was different about this Easter than some you have experienced in the past? (There is an obvious answer but push for something other than we were quarantined.)

Read the passage -

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” ⁸And they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened. Luke 24:1-12

They ran to the tomb and asked, Where is the King? First, let’s answer this question -

Who is this King?

- **Humility** hung on the cross.
- **Selflessness** hung on the cross. - Selflessness and King are seldom used in the same sentence.
- **Obedience** hung on the cross – Kings rarely obey anyone other than themselves. Jesus was obedient to His Father.

Perfect humility, selflessness and obedience conquered death.

Since Jesus modeled these qualities, it is obvious that we are to follow suit out of our great love for the Father. Humility, selflessness and obedience. Do these describe you? They will as we surrender to and follow Him.

On the other hand and in stark contrast to Jesus -
When we trust our own heart and our own way –

- Pride will be the death of you.
- Selfishness will be the death of you.
- Control will be the death of you.

These three are the tomb of our own making. The wages of all of these is death.

Jesus calls us from our tombs and calls -

Ephesians 5:14 - . . . “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

Remember they ran to the tomb and asked, Where is the King?

Now, how about your answer? Not only “Who is this King, but is He your King?”

Allow time for people to share briefly when Jesus became their King.

Take time to connect with your group members outside of the group time if possible.