

A photograph of a tomb entrance, likely the tomb of Jesus, with a large, smooth, light-colored stone rolled away from the arched opening. The scene is set against a dramatic sunset or sunrise sky with warm orange and yellow light. The tomb is carved into a dark, rocky hillside with some green vines growing on the right side. The overall mood is one of hope and resurrection.

Jesus

is risen!

Why did God raise Jesus from the dead?

1. The resurrection is God's overruling of the human verdict that condemned Jesus to death.

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2. The resurrection is God's triumph over the designs of Satan.

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3. The resurrection is a demonstration of God's power over death, humanity's final enemy.

Luke wants to
equip us to
recognize Jesus
as the risen
Lord.

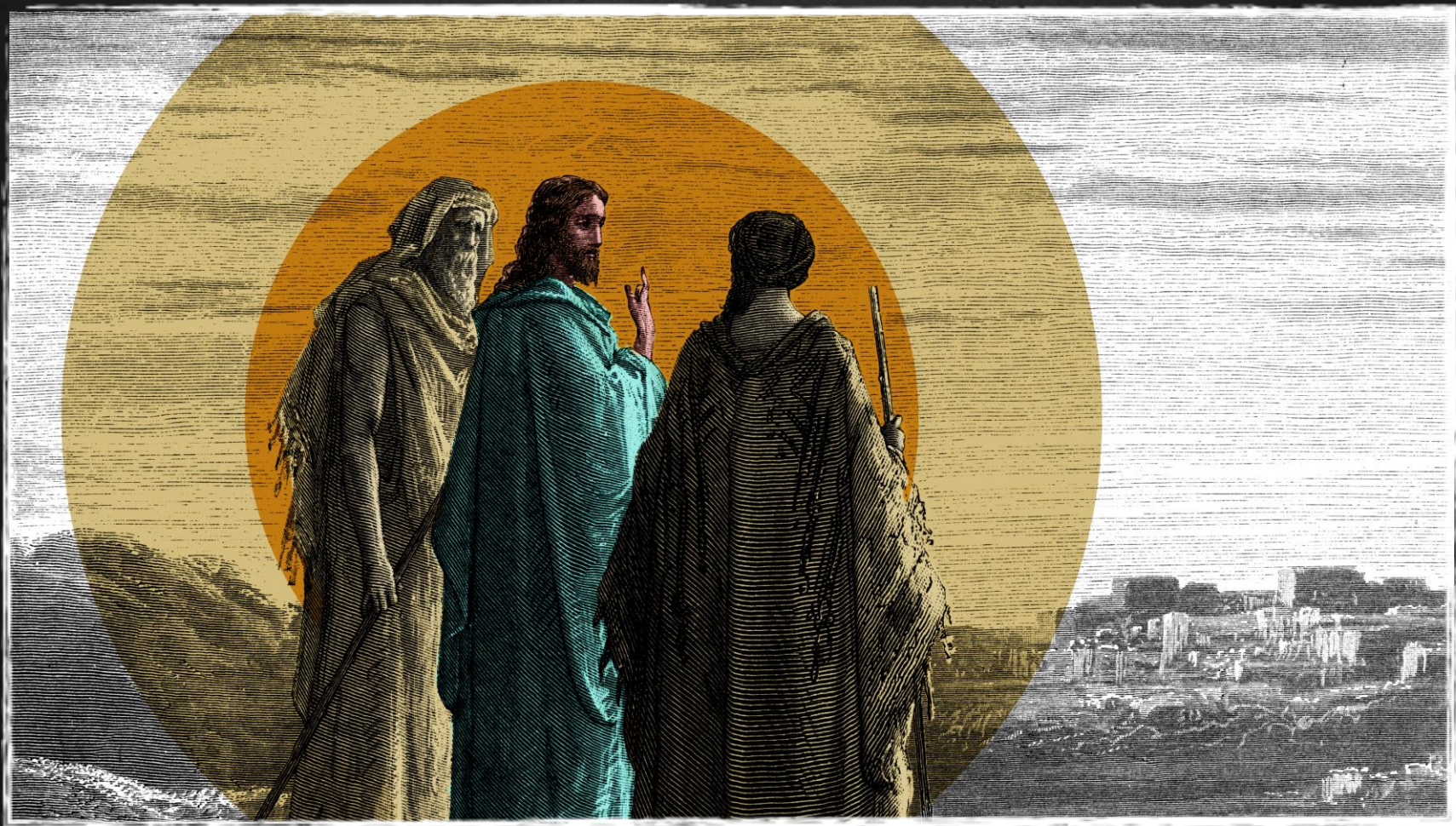


Luke 24:13-15

13 That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14 and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them.

Luke 24:16-17

16 But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad.



Luke 24:18-19

18 Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" 19 And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people..."

Luke 24:20-21

20 "...And how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. 21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened."

Luke 24:22-24

22 “Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, 23 and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.”

Cleopas' Data:

- Jesus, a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people
- Delivered up by the religious and political leadership of Israel
- Condemned to death and crucified
- Three days since his passing

Cleopas' Data:

- The tomb was empty; the heavy stone rolled away
- Valuable linen was left behind, folded neatly
- Women claim a vision of angels declaring Jesus to be alive
- Men corroborate the concrete details, but did NOT see Jesus (or angels)

Cleopas has what he
claims to require
right in front of him
and it is not enough
to overcome his
unbelief and
skepticism about
Jesus' resurrection.



Luke 24:25-26

25 And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"

*“Why do you seek the living among the
dead?” (v. 5)*

“Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” (vv. 6-7)

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Luke 24:27-29

27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. 28 So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, 29 but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them.

Luke 24:30-32

30 When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. 31 And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. 32 They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?"

Luke 24:33-35

33 And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, 34 saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" 35 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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Step # 1 - Remember Jesus' words and ministry.

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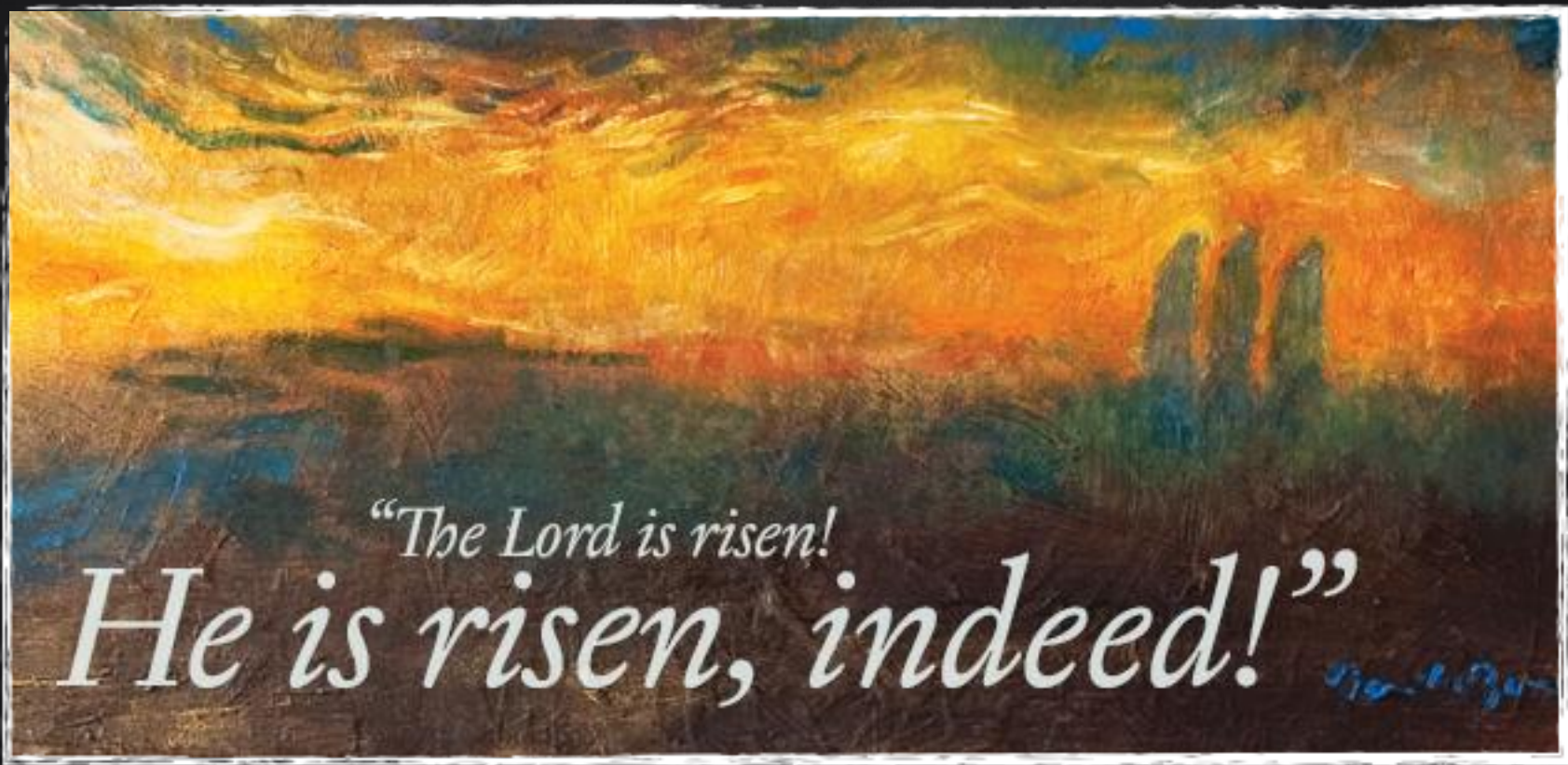
Step # 2 - Read Jesus' life and death in light of the divine plan for salvation laid out in the Scriptures.

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Step # 3 - In the gathering of Christian community, over a fellowship meal, Jesus will become present to his disciples in word, in the sharing of testimony, and in the breaking of bread.

The Results:

- Our hearts BURN!
- Our eyes OPEN!
- We EMBRACE risk, community, and God's newness without fear!
- Our mouths open to give WITNESS to who Jesus is and what He has done, is doing, and will do!



"The Lord is risen!

He is risen, indeed!"