

Resurrection Day 2024

Why The Cross?

Luke 24.36-40

A Brief Survey of the Crucifixion and the Physical Resurrection

Luke 24.1-6 - Women at the tomb

Luke 26.13-35 – Two on road to Emmaus

***Luke 24:36–40** - And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. ³⁷But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. ³⁸And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. ⁴⁰And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet.*

To Be Clear – There is nothing more that you need to do to be saved then to,

- **Admit** that you are a sinner
- **Believe** that the Lord Jesus Died to pay the penalty you owed for your sins and to Save you
- **Confess** that Jesus Christ is your Lord and Savior

Jesus did everything that was required for us to be saved through His Suffering, Crucifixion, and Physical Resurrection.

Why Jesus Died on the Cross and Physically Arose,

1. To Unite you with God's Love

Romans 5:8 - But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Our Lord Jesus Christ gave Himself for you, while you were yet a sinner because He loved you very deeply.

He desire to unite you with His deep, deep love so you will love Him as He loves you.

What is the result of such a deep love for our Lord?

2. A Deep Desire to Please Him or Obey Him.

John 14:15 - If ye love me, keep my commandments.

If you have developed a Love relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ then your Duty to obey God becomes a Desire to Obey God. You will no longer feel you have to Obey God you will Want To Obey God.

3. A New Way of Living Your Life

2 Corinthians 5:17 - Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

*1 Peter 2:9 - But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, **a peculiar people**; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:*

*Titus 2:14 - Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself **a peculiar people, zealous of good works.***

An Enlightening Truth

*1 John 2:3–6 - And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. **⁴He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.** ⁵But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. ⁶He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.*