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## The Resurrection of Jesus

Discussion Guide  
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Luke 24:1-12,36-53

### Questions for Study

\*\* Before you begin, please read Luke 24:1-12,36-53 as a group.

1. Spend some time sharing what you did over the Thanksgiving weekend. When you think of Thanksgiving, what are your favorite side dishes? What's your favorite main dish?
2. "The 'main dish' of Christianity – the centerpiece of what God is doing in and for the world – is the resurrection of Jesus." Read 1 Corinthians 15:14 and explain why the resurrection of Jesus has such great significance.
3. Have you ever spent much time thinking about Jesus' resurrection and why it's so important? If so, what insights have you already discovered about the significance of Jesus' bodily resurrection?
4. Four lines of evidence are listed below, building a case that Jesus' bodily resurrection really happened. After each, briefly explain HOW or WHY this line of evidence is important in making a case for the resurrection:
  - Jesus really died. (He didn't just appear dead.)
  - The tomb was empty.
  - Jesus was seen by many others.
  - Lives were changed.
5. Now look closely at what you read in Luke 24. Where do you see one or more of these "lines of evidence" (see previous question) for Jesus' resurrection supported in the passage?
6. Not only did Jesus' resurrection really happen, His resurrection makes a deep difference in our lives. How did Jesus' resurrection make a difference in the lives of those who encountered Him in Luke 24?
7. Why did encountering the risen Jesus change people in this way?
8. Now read 1 Peter 1:3-4. According to this passage, what does Jesus' resurrection offer us / mean for us?
9. What's one big take-away you're leaving with from Luke 24? How can you practically apply this take-away in your life this week?
10. **Challenge:** Memorize 1 Peter 1:3-4: 3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you...