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La Jolla Christian Fellowship
**Life: A Deep Dive Into Abundant Living
Light Of The Living Dead**
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Luke 24:1-12

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. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵In 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? ⁶He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'⁸ Then they remembered his words. ⁹When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹²Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

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- Oscar Wilde

Question of the day: Vs. 5 *"Why do you look for the living among the dead?"*

Vs. 3 *Jesus is rarely found where you look for him.*

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 - Jesus rarely lingers in dead places.

Life is the premier value of Christ following and the foundation of all other of its values.

- **Breathed life: Gen 2:7** *Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into His nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.*
- **Jesus: John 1:4** *In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.*
- **Abundant life: John 10:10** *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*

Vs. 6 He is not here; He has risen!

- **2 Corinthians 5:17** *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. (ESV)*
 - Are you able to discern between what is alive and what is dead?

Vs. 12 *But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. But 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. (ESV)*

- **1 Corinthians 1:18** *For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."*

Food For The Journey: Questions for individual study and life groups.

1. Pastor Adam shared the quote that "To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people exist, that is all." Do you think this is true and if so, explain how?
2. The angel asked, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" Where are some places in our culture that people look for life, but instead find death?
3. Pastor Adam said that "Jesus rarely lingers in dead places." Do you think this is true and if so, then where can Jesus often be found?
4. In John 10:10 Jesus shows that the amount of life you have can be measured. He promised to bring it to the "full" amount. What did he mean by this?
5. Will looking for true life look like foolishness to the world?