

## Matt 27-28, Mk 15, Lu 24, Jn 19-20 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

<p>4. In Luke 24:4-11 what else did the angels tell the women (v4-8) and why was this important (see Matt 12:39-40, Jn 2:18-22)? What did the women do next (v9-10) and what was the reaction (v10-11)?</p>	
<p>5. According to John 20:3-12 which disciples went to the tomb (v3) and who arrived first (v4)? What did they see (v5-7) and what was the result (v8-9)?</p>	
<p>6. Read John 20:11-17. Describe Mary's initial reaction (v11-13) and her next reaction to Jesus (v14-15)? How did this change and why (v16)?</p>	
<p>7. Using John 20:17-18 what did Jesus tell Mary (v17) and what do you think He meant? How can we apply this? What did Mary do next (v18)?</p>	
<p>8. Based on Matt 28:11-15 how did the Jewish leaders react (v11-13) and why (v14)? Logically, how should they have responded? What was the result of their cover-up (v15)?</p>	
<p>9. From Luke 24:13-24 who was going to Emmaus (v13) and what was their conversation (v14, 18-24)? Who joined them (v15)? How did they respond (v17) and why (v16)?</p>	
<p>10. In Luke 24:25-32 what was Jesus' rebuke (v25) and what did He explain (v26, 27)? What else did He do (v28-30) and with what result (v31, 32)? What occurred next (v31, 33-35)?</p>	
<p>11. Summarize the responses to Jesus' resurrection by Mary, Peter and John, the Jewish leaders, and the Emmaus-bound disciples. What changed disbelief to belief, and why didn't the Jewish leaders believe? Apply.</p>	

### Scripture to Remember

“...why do you seek the living One among the dead? He is not here, but He has risen....”

**Luke 24:5-6 (NASV)**

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### **Life Group Questions—Life in the Pressure Cooker (Acts 6:5, 8-15, 7:60)** *(Using questions from Sunday's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)*

1. Share with your group about the boldest thing that you have ever done for Jesus. What led you to that and what were the results?
2. Read Acts 6:5, 8-10. Describe Stephen. How does his life illustrate being “full of faith”? What about the faith in your life—is it full, half-empty, or non-existent?
3. Discuss the two aspects of faith from Heb 11:1—how it provides a foundation for hope and how it gives fulfillment to the present. Why is each of these important?
4. Talk about the reasons that faith gives us favor with God (Heb 11:6, Hos 6:6). How does faith become visible in our lives? Give examples.
5. From Acts 6:11-15 what did Stephen's enemies realize about him? What does it look like today to be “full” of the Holy Spirit (Eph 5:18) and how do we prepare our minds and hearts for this? What will be the result of the Spirit's control?
6. How did Stephen show that he was full of grace (6:8, 7:60)? Why is it difficult to show grace to others? Specifically how can we do this?
7. Share about anything else meaningful from the message if you have time.



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### The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

## Go-o-o-oooooooooal! Matt 27-28, Mk 15; Lu 24, Jn 19-20

Nothing captures the excitement of a World Cup soccer match like the announcer’s declaration that a goal has been scored. They stretch out “goal” as long as they can to express the moment. It is hard to score goals at this level, and often one goal is the margin of victory. Similarly, there is nothing more exciting than the subject of this week’s study. Jesus was dead, had been buried, but arose on the third day; the resurrection was the “goal” that won the game for all who would believe in Him. This event meant that death was no longer the final moment; it had been overcome by life. This victory, though, began at the bottom—with death. Jesus was dead and buried, a critical fact in light of His impending resurrection. Two requests regarding His body

were made; first, Joseph, one of the leaders who had not condemned Jesus, asked to bury Him in his tomb, thus fulfilling prophecy. Also, the Jews asked Pilate to take His body down from the cross, and Pilate was surprised that He was so quickly dead. Their fear that the disciples would steal the body unwittingly confirmed that He was indeed dead. The next step towards the goal was defied death and resulted in belief. When the women went to add spices to Jesus’ body on Sunday morning, the tomb was open and empty. Asking where Jesus had been laid, the angels told Mary that He had risen just as He prophesied. After telling Peter and John they ran to the tomb and, seeing the body wrappings inside, they believed. Later, Mary returned weeping and was met



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by Jesus, although she failed to recognize Him. When He opened her eyes, she tried to hold on to Him, but He told her He had to return to the Father, so she must let go. Finally, the Jewish leaders, and later two disciples going to Emmaus, were denying the resurrection and bewildered. The leaders paid off the soldiers to say that the disciples had stolen the body; although they knew it was a lie they still didn’t believe. The two disciples also failed to recognize Jesus, but when He opened their eyes they realized He had indeed risen. The “goal” had been scored.

## Study Questions for Matt 27-28, Mk 15, Lu 24, Jn 19-20

(For answers go to [http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf/html/study\\_questions](http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf/html/study_questions))

<p>1. Read Mark 15:42-47. Who asked to bury Jesus (v43) and what was he like (v43, see Matt 27:57, Lu 23:50-51, Jn 19:38)? Why was this significant? Who helped prepare the body and how (Jn 19:39-42)?</p>	
<p>2. Using Matt 27:62-66 what did the Jews request (v64) and why (v62-63, 64)? How did Pilate respond (v65-66)? In light of the resurrection why was this important?</p>	
<p>3. From Matt 28:1-8 who came to the tomb and when (v1)? Why did they come (see Mk 16:1)? What did they discover (v2-4)? What did the angel say (v5-6, 7) and how did they respond (v8)?</p>	

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