

## The Resurrected Christ! Luke 24:1-12.

The women intended to give Jesus' body a more proper preparation for burial; there was no time to mourn, hold a proper funeral and a customary burial. Then they discover that the stone was rolled away from the tomb, and that the body of Jesus is not inside the tomb. This not only perplexed them, it made grieved them some more.

Two men stood by them in shining garments announcing His absence and His resurrection. The angels seemed almost surprised that the women were looking for the living among the dead. The angels reminded them how Jesus had to die and was to rise again that morning.

They return to the disciples with the breaking news of the resurrection; however, their news was received with unbelief, Peter had to run and confirm the fact of the empty tomb, was marveled at his findings.

### **I. Power.**

This world is constantly pursuing, demonstrating, faking and awestruck by power through magic, Satanism and Christianity.

Science is researching to help humanity overcome aging and mortality by studying creatures like Lobsters and Jellyfish; **the bizarre thing about lobsters is that they don't really age, they just keep getting bigger and stronger.** If the jellyfish is injured or sick, it returns to its polyp stage over a three-day period, transforming its cells into a younger state that will eventually grow into adulthood all over again.

No one has and none will ever find a remedy against aging and death; only God demonstrates that power through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**1 Corinthians 15:20-21** - *But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.*

**Philippians 3:10-11** – *that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.*

"That is, he wants to experience the same power that raised Christ from the dead surging through his own being, overcoming sin in his life and producing the Christian graces."

## II. Hope.

*Hope is an expectation with confidence.* Biblically, our expectation with confidence is based on God's numerous promises, one major one is our resurrection from the dead.

*1 Peter 1:3-4 - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you...*

There are no hopeless situations; there are only people who have grown hopeless about them.

*Romans 5:5 - Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.*

*Romans 6:5-6 - For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.*