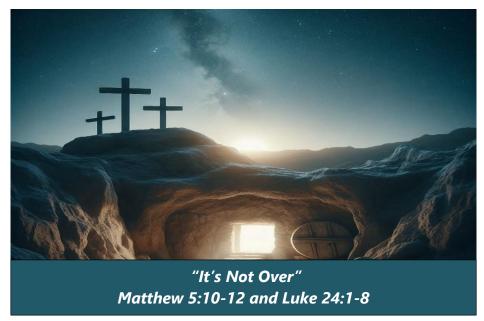
Sunday – April 20, 2025 ~ Easter Sunday



It's resurrection morning. The crowds have left, the crosses have been emptied, Jesus body has been entombed, and the guards have been posted. For all appearances it is over. All the commotion, hopes, dreams, expectations of Jesus followers are over. But God has something else in mind

Key Verse. "Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee. The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified, and on the third day be raised again. Then they remembered his words" (Luke 24:6,7).

BACKGROUND:

The resurrection has been doubted by many over the years. Richard Carrier, a PhD in Ancient History, wrote in "The Secular Web"- Historical Jesus is not real. "The chance that Jesus survived and this was interpreted or refashioned into a claim that he rose from the dead must be less than 1 in a million" And yet, over 2,000 years later followers of Jesus number over 1 billion worldwide and his church is going strong. The disciples came to this day with the expectation that Jesus' story was over, and yet God was about to write a new chapter.

Read *Luke 24:1-8* slowly three times. Put yourself in the moment with these women. They are going with the expectation of seeing their dead friend and teacher. They have brought spices to finalize his death. What words, phrases stand out to you as you walk this path with them? What expectations would you have had if you were them?

	k 9:30-31. If you were with Jesus when he said these words, what going through your mind? Would your understanding have changed pective on how you would have approached the tomb on this
the resurr	e 24:6,7 again. "Then they remembered his words." As you reflect or rection of Jesus, what words of Jesus come to your mind? How do rurage you on this day?
	28:8 says, "afraid yet filled with joy they ran to tell the disciples." O e they afraid? What frightens you, if anything, about Jesus' on?
Who have	you run to tell?
After the	resurrection Jesus makes many appearances to prove to his disciple is was true, and to embolden them for what is to come. How has of the resurrection emboldened you? How can it?
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- ➤ Have you made the death and resurrection of Jesus the beginning of your journey with God?
- > Who will you invite to come along with you?