

# A Step FURTHER

DIVING DEEPER INTO SUNDAY'S SERMON

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*A resource of First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale for individuals, families, and small groups that offers deeper insights into the previous Sunday's scripture text and sermon.*

**From the Sermon on 4/20/25 "The Resurrection and Its Impact"**

**Scripture:** Luke 24:1-12

**Opening Prayer:** "God of life, we gather today to delve into Your Word and to understand the profound impact of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Open our hearts and minds to receive Your truth, and may Your Spirit guide us in our study. Help us to see the hope and transformation that resurrection brings to our lives. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."

**Understanding the Context:** (Explore aspects of the passage like place, adjacent scripture, and other elements)

1. Who were the women mentioned in Luke 24, and what was their purpose in going to the tomb?
2. How did the disciples initially react to the women's report of the empty tomb?

**Key Themes:** (Resurrection Hope)

1. What does the resurrection of Jesus signify for the early disciples and us today?
2. How does the resurrection challenge the cultural narrative that truth is subjective?

**Application and Action:**

1. In what ways does the resurrection provide hope in the face of life's challenges, such as illness or broken relationships?
2. How can the reality of the resurrection influence our daily decisions and outlook on life?
3. What steps can you take to share the hope of the resurrection with someone in your life this week?
4. How can you align your personal "light" with the overwhelming brilliance of God's love and grace?

**Group Discussion:**

If you are studying with others, discuss your reflections and insights.

1. Reflect on a "fork in the road" moment in your life. How did it shape your faith journey?
2. Discuss how the resurrection can transform our understanding of suffering and redemption.

**Closing Prayer:** “Gracious God, we thank You for the gift of the resurrection and the hope it brings to our lives. As we leave this study, may we carry the truth of Your victory over death into our daily lives. Empower us to be bearers of Your light and love in the world. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.”

**Journal Prompt:**

Reflect on the current challenge you are facing. Write about how the resurrection of Jesus provides hope and perspective in this situation. Consider how you can invite God's light into this area of your life.

