SUNDAY TO SUNDAY #5: Jesus' Final Days (Sunday)

1. The Mis-trustful Men (Luke 24:1-11)

Luke 24:1But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared.

² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel.

⁵ And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?

⁶ He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee,

⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise."

- ⁸ And they remembered his words,
- ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.

¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles,

¹¹but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

2. The Weeping
Woman
(John 20:11-18)

John 20:11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb.

¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet.

¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

¹⁴ Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."

16 Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).

¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

3. The Delivered Disciple (Luke 24:28-35)

Luke 24:28 So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther,

²⁹ but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them.

30 When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them.

³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight.

32 They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?"

³³ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together,

34 saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!"

35 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

4. The Faltering Few (Matthew 28:16-17)

Matt. 28:16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted.

Conclusion: All True Christians Have Staked Everything on Jesus' Resurrection! (1 Corinthians 15:1-8, 12-20)

1 Cor. 15:1 Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand,

² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,

4that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.

¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.

¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.

¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised.

¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

