

***Sermon Title:* THE FIRST EASTER SUNDAY**

Date: April 20, 2025 - Luke 24

Central Idea: Jesus rose from the dead to change lives. Are you open to change?

Introduction:

Luke tells the story of a journey within a journey. This shorter journey explains the meaning of the longer journey that has occupied most of the Gospel, from Luke 9:51 onward. Now everything becomes clear. Luke 24 recounts the one thing on which all of Christianity stands or falls: the resurrection. Without the resurrection there is no Christianity. So, in a sense, everything in Luke's Gospel builds up to this one final miracle.

Let's open our hearts to the events of the first Easter Sunday!

1. The Open Tomb, Luke 24:1-12
2. The Opened Scriptures, Luke 24:13-27
3. The Opened Eyes, Luke 24:28-35
4. Their Opened Minds, Luke 24:36-49
5. The Opened Heaven, Luke 24:50-53

Conclusion:

Jerusalem was the destination for Jesus, but it was not the end of the journey for His disciples. The journey of Christ to Jerusalem led to the journey of His gospel to the nations and to us.

Today we reach the end of the journey to Jerusalem. Are you ready to continue the journey from Jerusalem as you take the gospel to others? What might that look like over the next few days, weeks, months and years?