"Why Is the Resurrection so Important?"

(Luke 24:1-8)

Both friends and enemies of the Christian faith have recognized the resurrection of Christ to be the foundation stone of the Faith. Paul, the great apostle, wrote to those in Corinth, who denied the resurrection of the dead: "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is useless and so is your faith" (1 Corinthians 1:14, NIV). Paul rested his whole case on the bodily resurrection of Christ. Today, we examine the evidence. No one disputes that Jesus died and that three days later the tomb was empty. The only issue is – how did it come to be empty?

How can we account for the empty tomb?

• The ______ stole the body.

• Jewish or Roman _____ moved the body.

• The women went to the ______.

• The _____.

• Jesus was ______ from the dead and He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

"That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9, NIV).

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6, NIV).