

# Luke

## See Jesus

### Remember His Word

#### Luke 24:1-12

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## I. You Must Know And Remember The Words Of Your Savior

**Luke 24:6-8** “He is not here, but has risen. Remember how He told you, while He was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.”  
<sup>8</sup> And they remembered His words.”

They remembered His Words, but they had to be reminded to remember!

Our New Testament Bible today still uses the word “**remember**” or “**remind**” **335 times**, because this is a universal, cross-cultural, human problem that has only gotten worse.

Our culture has reduced our capacity to remember because of how our phones and the internet have begun to rule us and rewire us.

“The more we use the Web, the more we train our brain to be distracted—to process information very quickly and very efficiently but without sustained attention. That helps explain why many of us find it hard to concentrate even when we’re away from our computers. Our brains become adept at forgetting, inept at remembering.”

- Nicholas Carr, *The Shallows: What the Internet Is Doing to Our Brains*

The Bible was not written to be skimmed. It was written to be read slowly, carefully, prayerfully, and to be chewed on so that you get all the good that you can from it.

The Bible is a banquet, but you may have dumbed your brain down with so much internet fast-food that you don’t know what to do with the good stuff. But just like your brain was rewired to where you are now, you can rewire it back where it should be, but it’s going to take some time and it’ll be hard work.

## II. His Word Is A Big Deal Because It Brings Salvation And Peace With God

**Luke 24:7** “...that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.”

The word “must” is the operative and controlling word for this entire glorious sentence! He must be delivered into sinful hands, He must be crucified, and He must rise again on the third day because He came to do that we could never do for ourselves.

And when He rose again, His Word declared that He had conquered sin, Satan, death, and hell forevermore! He did exactly what He came to do.

**John 19:30** “...It is finished...”

What Jesus actually shouted was one single word – tetelestai. It was a banking term that meant “paid in full.”

You need to remember that your sin debt has been paid in full- all of it. There's nothing outside of His payment. There's nothing beyond what He's done.

When you put your trust in Him, He shouted this word over all your sin – tetelestai. Paid in full! Because “tetelestai” has been stamped on your record of sin there is now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.

**Romans 8:1** “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus!”

To rewire your brain to sustain some of God's glorious thoughts, read all of **Romans 8** every day for 30 consecutive days. Either read it in the morning to orient you as you head into your day or make it the last thing you read before you fall asleep.

### **III. His Word Is A Big Deal Because It Brings Perspective And Peace In Your Life**

You need His Word to reorient you every day as you head into this dark world, and yet surveys are showing that record numbers of Evangelical Christians who say they believe the Bible, are not reading God's Word for themselves.

Like so many things in our world, rarely does something just stop. It gets replaced with something else, like our phones! So not only have our phones rewired our brains, they have replaced God's Word as our source of truth and perspective for life.

Statistics now show that **75%** of people sleep next to their phones and **90%** check their phones immediately when they wake up.

That's a recipe for anger, not love. Anxiety, not joy. Envy, not contentment. And depression, not peace, because you're allowing your phone to fuel your emotions and your newsfeed to shape your view of the world.

What you do first will shape what you do and feel next! Start with prayer and God's Word before you go anywhere else. His Word brings life-changing perspective and peace to some of our most troubled areas of life.

#### **A. You Have His Spirit To Help You Remember**

**John 14:25-27** “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”

#### **B. You Have His Assurance To Keep You Secure**

**John 10:27-30** “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one.”

#### **C. You Have His Identity To Keep You From Being Anxious And Crushed**

**John 14:18-20** “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Yet a little while and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.”

If you're a Christian you are chosen, adopted, and loved. He lives in you and your identity is in Him! That's what the human heart longs for – to know that you are loved, to know that you belong, and to know that you will not have to start all over again when it ends because it will not end!

You, as a finite, created being, are in a love relationship to an infinite Creator God! It's not based on you. It's based on His Son who does not change, so it can't be taken or shaken in any way by circumstances around you or problems within you.

“If you have a finite point and it has no infinite reference point, then that finite point is absurd.”

- Jean-Paul Sartre

We are finite, so we need an infinite reference point or something bigger that holds it all together. And yet our world keeps inflating and exaggerating finite things and telling you to make your life all about that.

But none of it can sustain you. All of it will unravel and crumble at some point. You need God to do what none of those things can do because you need every finite aspect of your life to be sustained and reframed by your relationship with something bigger – an infinite Creator God!