Introduction
The resurrection of Jesus Christ changes everything!
The resurrection was the exclamation point on Jesus’ life and ministry.

I. LOOK AT THE EVIDENCE.

Our faith is rooted in historical fact.
“There is no body of ancient literature in the world that enjoys such a wealth of good textual attestation as the New Testament.” F. F. Bruce
“The evidence points unmistakably to the fact that on the third day Jesus rose.” Lord Darling, former Chief Justice of England

The Gospels were written that we might see and believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
At center stage in their story of the resurrection is the empty tomb.
The women who came to the tomb were not expecting a resurrection.
When they arrived they saw the stone rolled back and an angel sitting upon it.

The guards were so afraid of the angel that they shook and became like dead men.
The angel said to the women, “Don’t be afraid…come and see the place where he lay.”
“I say unequivocally that the evidence for the resurrection of Jesus Christ is so overwhelming that it compels acceptance by proof which leaves absolutely no room for doubt.” Sir Lionel Luckhoo
II. LISTEN TO THE EYEWITNESSES.

Listen to the angel who said, “He is not here; he has risen just as he said.”

Listen to Jesus who told his disciples beforehand what was going to happen to him.

“From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.” Matthew 16:21

If our Lord said, frequently, with great definiteness and detail, that after He went up to Jerusalem He would be put to death, but on the third day He would rise again from the grave, and this prediction came to pass, then it has always seemed to me that everything else that our Lord ever said must also be true.” Wilbur M. Smith

Five times in Matthew’s gospel Jesus told the disciples what was going to happen to him in Jerusalem. Matthew 16:21, 17:9, 17:22-23, 20:18-19 and 26:32.

Listen to the testimony of the women.

“I have seen the Lord!” Mary Magdalene – John 20:18

Listen to the disciples like:

• John who saw the grave clothes and believed. John 20:8
• Thomas who saw his hands and side and said, “My Lord and my God.” John 20:28
• Peter who said, “We were eyewitnesses of his majesty.” II Peter 1:16

III. LIVE BY FAITH IN CHRIST.

“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” Acts 2:36
Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Acts 2:38

“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.” John 3:14-15

God in his grace provided a way that they could be saved. They were to look upon his provision by faith and live.

Conclusion

Look, Listen and Live
Jesus wants us to:
• Live in freedom – John 8:32, 36
• Live with joy – John 15:11
• Live with peace – John 16:33
• Live in love – John 13:34-35
• Live by faith – Galatians 2:20

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” Galatians 2:20