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# Implications of the Last Supper:

- \* The death of Jesus is the center of history.
- \* The death and resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of a new kind of community.
- The death of Jesus explains the mystery of the Jewish sacrificial system.
- \* You must respond to Jesus individually.

### Garden of Gethsemane

- \* The sins of Judas and Peter are not uncommon.
- The big difference between Judas and Peter is Peter's repentance.
- Jesus was abandoned by all so we can be accepted by God.

## Trials of Jesus

- The wisdom of Jesus is not from the left or the right, but from above.
- The power of the gospel does not come from control, but from sacrifice.
- \* At the cross, we exchange our unrighteousness for the righteousness of Jesus.

# The Way of the Cross

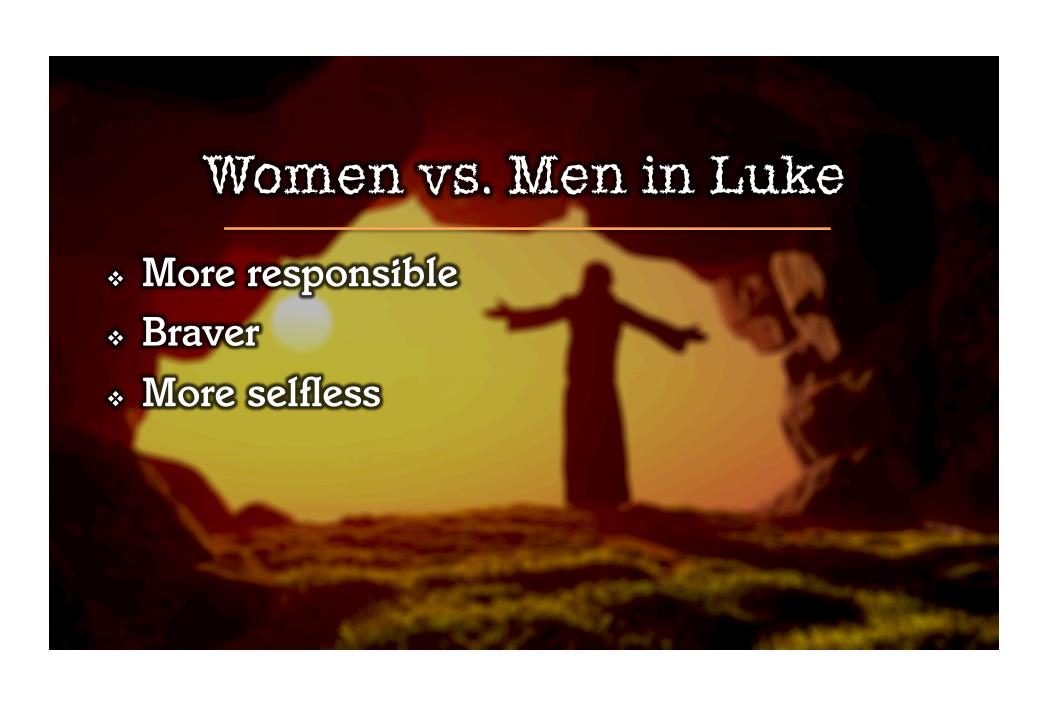
- \* The Gospel appeals to outsiders.
- Success and power tend to lead to spiritual blindness.
- You must come to Jesus empty-handed.

# The Way of the Cross

- \* Jesus endured the judgment of God, so we can be with him.
- When we truly understand what Jesus has done for us, it will transform us.

## Luke 24:1-3

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.



### Luke 24:4-5

While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?

### Luke 24:6-7

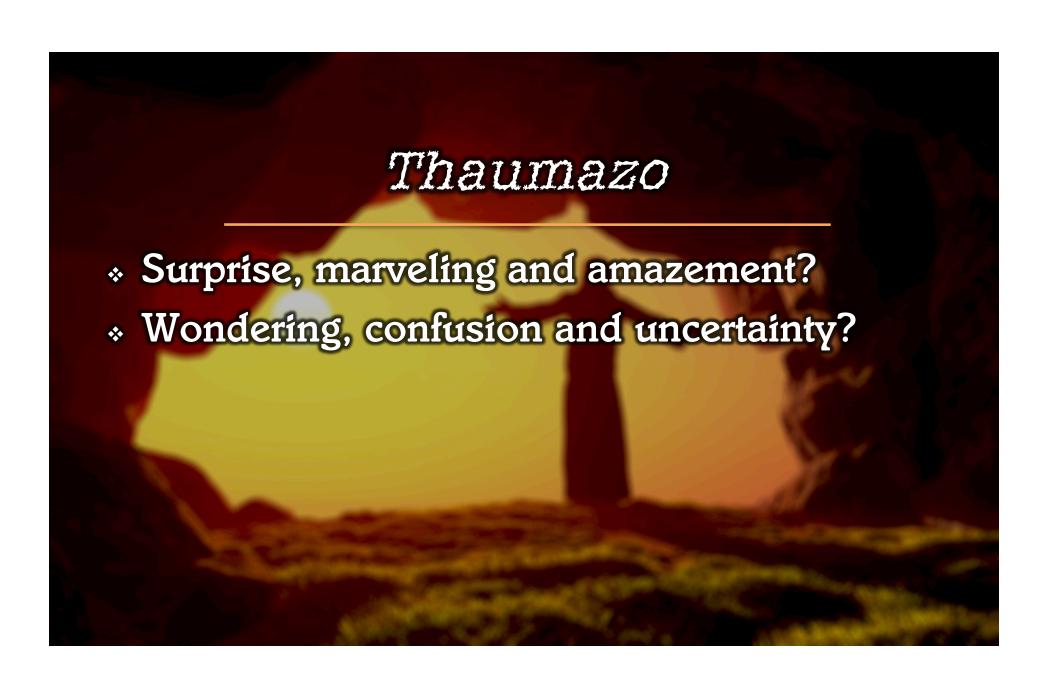
He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'"

### Luke 24:8-10

Then they remembered his words. When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles.

### Luke 24:11-12

But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.



### Possible Alternatives

- He was not really dead
- \* The women were confused
- \* The disciples lied and stole the body
- Jesus did rise from the dead



- \* Jesus' words can be trusted
- Jesus is the only way
- \* Jesus' Resurrection gives us hope

## John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

## 1 Corinthians 15:17-19

And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

# 1 Corinthians 15:20-21

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.

## 1 Corinthians 15:22-23

For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.



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# Are you being called?

- \* To receive Christ
- To become a member of Melbourne Community Church
- \* To pray / to receive prayer
- \* To affirm or reaffirm a commitment
- \* To receive the LORD's Supper