

## The Greatness of the Cross: The Seven Wounds of Christ

### Jesus is Alive! | Luke 24:1-7

Ohana Group Discussion Questions: Week of April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

#### OVERVIEW

At dawn on the first day of the week, a group of devoted women discover Jesus' tomb open and empty, and they are startled by two radiant angels who ask, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" The angels announce that Jesus has risen just as He foretold—prompting the women to remember His words and become the first witnesses of the resurrection.

#### OHANA TIME!

**Icebreaker:** Empty a pocket or bag, show one object, and share why it's there. **Or** Which app on your phone gets an embarrassing amount of screen time—and what keeps you hooked?

**Activity:** Invite a friend to your Ohana Group!

#### PRAYER

**Pray:** "Risen Lord Jesus, fill us with the joy and power of Your resurrection today, and help us remember Your words so we may live in hope and share Your love with others."

#### BIBLE: READ LUKE 24:1-7

1. List the key actions the women take in verses 1-3. What details show their devotion to Jesus?
2. Why do you think the women still brought spices even though Jesus had predicted His resurrection? What does this reveal about human expectations and faith?
3. According to verses 4-5, how do the women respond when the tomb is empty and the angels appear? Note every explicit emotion stated or implied in verses 4-5. How varied are the women's feelings?
4. In verse 6, what exact phrase do the angels use to jog the women's memory, and why is that wording important?
5. How does the angels' announcement connect Jesus' suffering ("delivered into the hands of sinners and be crucified") with His resurrection ("and on the third day rise")? Why is that linkage essential to the gospel?
6. The empty tomb confronts every person with a choice about Jesus' identity. What possible explanations did people then—and do people now—offer? Which does the text affirm?
7. The first witnesses of the resurrection were ordinary, often overlooked disciples. How might that shape our view of who God can use today?

#### APPLICATION

1. "Remember how He told you ..." (v. 6). What promises of Jesus do you most need to remember in your current season of life?
2. In what areas might you still be "looking for the living among the dead"—seeking life, hope, or purpose in places that cannot ultimately provide it? How might the reality of Jesus' resurrection invite you to shift your focus from those "dead places" to a living, eternal hope?

