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## **Monday**

Luke 24:27 And beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

On one side of Easter life with its twists is unclear, understanding is missing, knowledge is unsure. But on the other side of Easter, Jesus gives wisdom and knowledge. It is not simply that the Old Testament with all of its ritual sacrifice suddenly makes sense; all of life with its trials, tribulations, and disappointments suddenly becomes understandable. Those who live on the wrong side of Easter look at a world full of mystery and misery. Those who find Jesus on the other side of Easter gain understanding for He explains it all in His word.

## **Tuesday**

John 20:16 Jesus \*said to her, "Mary!" She turned and \*said to Him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means, Teacher).

As Mary ran toward the tomb there was nothing in her life but death and disappointment. Not only had her beloved teacher and leader been killed as a common thief, now His body had been taken away, stolen. Such is life on the wrong side of Easter, everything disappoints, everything is empty. Death is the final robber. But on the resurrection side of Easter everything changes. Even death is defeated as Jesus stands alive before us. Cling to Jesus on the resurrection side of Easter. Like Mary find Him even at the gravesites of your life. In His resurrection see your own, for that is His promise.

## **Wednesday**

John 21:15 Jesus \*said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?" He \*said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He \*said to him, "Tend My lambs."

We do so many foolish things simply out of fear. That was Peter. He feared for recognition and significance so he bartered, even schemed for position. In the garden of Gethsemane, he feared that all he had hoped and worked for over the past three years was suddenly being taken away. So he pulled out a sword and went on attack. Before the washwoman, he feared the labels that men would place upon him: loser, defeated, stupid. He swore that none of them would define his life. Then he saw the resurrected Savior and everything changed. Fear was gone. Insecurities vanished. Purpose was found on the resurrection side of Easter.

## **Thursday**

Rom. 8:28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.!

Thomas cried, "unless I see Him with my own eyes, touch His wounds, hold His flesh, I will never believe!" Why such obstinate unbelief in the face of the testimony of the others? Perhaps because he had believed so deeply before the arrest and the death, and then he was so deeply disappointed. He thought even God had failed him. But that was not the case. Instead God had planned it so. The cross, the tomb, the resurrection — all ordered from heaven for Thomas and for you. On the resurrection side of Easter, all things are worked for your good and God's glory.

## **Friday**

Col. 2:12 having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

You are to live on the resurrection side of Jesus. Not just on Easter but everyday of your life. In Him live in hope. In Him live in victory. In Him face each day with resurrection faith. See life through the lens of the Gospel. React to circumstance with the knowledge of God's planning and purpose. He is alive today and reigns forever more. So your victory is in Him and in the resurrection side of Easter.