

**TITLE AND NUMBER:** 76. Finding life



**REFERENCE AND KEY VERSE(S):** Luke 24:4-6

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? He is not here; He has risen!"

**LOOKING FURTHER:** Luke 24:1-12, 30-31; Matthew 28:16-17; John 10:10; John 20:19-22

### What does this Bible passage tell us?

The women came to the tomb to look for the body of Jesus. They wanted to honour their Lord and friend in the best way they knew, by looking after His body.

As we well know, when they got to the tomb, Jesus had gone. Instead, they were met by two men in shining clothes – presumably angels – who asked them this question: "Why do you seek the living among the dead?"

People seek answers to life in many different places. Some may try and predict the future or look to other beliefs. Some may feel that this life is all there is and try to find satisfaction in money or physical pleasures.

When Peter went to the tomb and found Jesus had indeed risen, he did not hang around in the graveyard. The disciples met the risen Jesus as they celebrated Holy Communion (Luke 24:30-31); as they gathered together to worship (Matthew 28:17) and pray (John 20:19).

As Christians, we know that the answers to life's questions are found in Jesus Christ. He promises us "life in all its fullness" (John 10:10) – or as someone explained it in our Bible Study group recently, "life the way God meant it to be." The angels' words remind us that we should look for Jesus in prayer, worship, reading the Bible and celebrating Holy Communion, together or alone as we are able.

All of us who write these sheets for Prison Fellowship pray that you will know the blessing of the risen Jesus this Easter.

### Reflections:

- Where will you look for Jesus today? Is there anything you need to put aside to concentrate on Him?
- There may still be restrictions on meeting together to worship Jesus this Easter. After Jesus' death, the disciples often met in small groups. Who might you meet with to look for Jesus together?
- The disciples had a great three years with Jesus. They thought His death was the end, but in fact it was the start of something even greater. What are your hopes for the next year as you try to walk with Jesus? Pray about them.

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

