### LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1. 01 March .................... Nahum 1-3 ...................... Don't Mess with God  
2. 08 March .................... Zephaniah 1-2 .................. Everyone is Accountable  
3. 15 March .................... Zephaniah 3 ...................... Our Great Salvation  
4. 22 March .................... Obadiah 1-2 .................. Compassion for Lost People  
5. 29 March .................... Zechariah 1-12 .................. The Promised Messiah  
6. 05 April .................... Luke 24:1-12 .................. The Declaration  
8. 19 April .................... Zechariah 13-14 .................. A Refined People  
9. 26 April .................... Habakkuk 1-2 .................. Hard Questions, Hard Answers  
10. 03 May .................... Habakkuk 3 .................. Awestruck  
11. 10 May .................... Haggai 1-2 .................. Seek God First  
12. 17 May .................... Malachi 1-2 .................. True Hope  
13. 24 May .................... Malachi 3 .................. Faithful  
14. 31 May .................... Malachi 3 .................. A Pure People

### INTRODUCTION

- If the Resurrection of Christ is the cornerstone of our faith why would so few details be provided in the Gospels?
- Matthew’s account constitutes less than 5% of his Gospel; Mark gave 6% of his story to the resurrection; Luke 4%; and John 9%.
- Can the resurrection be scientifically proved? Only by accepting mathematical probability of prophetic fulfillment in Jesus Christ.
- Can the resurrection be historically verified? Yes.
- We have more secular historical evidence for Jesus Christ (10 sources) than we do for His contemporary, Augustus Caesar (8).
- Credibility of the Resurrection is actually strengthened since the Gospel writers did not embellish their various claims.

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| **Struck with Awe At the Tomb**  
Matthew 28:1-4 | v1. Female visitors to the tomb (cp Lk 24:10) included:  
- Mary Magdalene – was healed of 7 demons and supported the Lord’s work financially.  
- “the other Mary” – the wife of Cleophas/Alpheus, the mother of James the less (Junior) and Joseph.  
- Joanna, wife of Chuzu, Herod’s steward, who supported the Lord’s work financially.  
- Salome, the wife of Zebedee, the mother of James and John.  
- “Other women” – possibly Mary, Martha, Susanna  
v2. The stone was rolled away to allow the women to walk in, not for Jesus to walk out |
| **Come and See**  
Matthew 28:5-8 | An unnamed Angel is given the task to spook the guards (probably a Roman troop of seasoned veterans, “who had been used to terrible sights in the field of battle; were men of courage, and fearless of danger; and yet were seized with a panic, and every limb of them shook and trembled at the sight of the angel, for fear he was come as an executioner of divine vengeance upon them”. John Gill Commentary)  
The Angel also had the task of calming the fears of the women, giving them a guided tour of the empty tomb, and sending them on to the disciples. |
| **Mark 16:1-8** | Mary Magdalene and friends visits the tomb to prepare Jesus’ body for formal burial, but they flee the scene (This could be Mary’s 2nd trip to the tomb)  
According to John, Mary M. apparently was at the tomb while it was still dark and ran into the risen Lord |

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The disciples still had doubts even though Jesus was standing before them, and they were seeing, touching and hearing him.  
v42. Finally, when Jesus ate something their minds began to accept what their senses were telling them.  
v45. Jesus still had to do the miraculous to “open their minds” to understand the Scriptures about Him.  
What makes us hear things but not perceive things?  
A. Low IQ or Insufficient Information  
B. Stubbornness or Pride  
C. Immaturity  
D. All of the Above  
How can we remove some barriers to perceiving truth?  
A. Spend More Time In God’s Word  
B. Spend More Time Praying for Wisdom  
C. Spend More Time Listening, Less Talking  
D. All of the Above |

### CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- God gives sufficient and credible evidence for people to reliably and confidently place their faith in Him, but not overwhelming evidence to force people to believe. Acts 1:3, 17:31

**NEXT WEEK: Luke 24:19-35.** This passage in Luke tells the story of when the resurrected Messiah was incognito alongside 2 of His disciples on a 7 mile/2 hour walk.