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Luke 24:1–9 (ESV) – But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵ And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸ And they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.

Colossians 1:15–20 (ESV) – He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

1 Peter 2:24–25 (ESV) – He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

1 - GREATEST OF ALL TIME (GOAT)

Who was your greatest (GOAT) celebrity hero growing up & what were they known for?

H. G. Wells once said "*I am not a believer, but I must confess that as a historian this penniless preacher from Nazareth is irrevocably the very center of history. Jesus Christ is easily the most dominant figure in all of history.*" Why would Jesus be the GOAT to a non-Christian historian?

Read Colossians 1:15-20. How does this scripture outline the true GOAT status of Jesus? What stands out most to you here?

2 – THE GOAT WAS DESPISED & REJECTED

Read Isaiah 53:2-5. Why is this scripture such a contrast to the last? What does it make you think about in regard to Easter?

This Good Friday did God give you any fresh revelation about what Jesus did on the cross for us during the Friday service or elsewhere?

3 – THE GOAT ROSE UP

Read Luke 24:1-9. All the disciples and followers seemed to forget Jesus' foretelling about his death and resurrection. What things do we sometimes miss or forget about all of this?

1 Corinthians 15:17–19. What is the gospel without the resurrection?

Read Luke 24:36-42. What strikes you about the disciple's reaction to Jesus?

Read Luke 24:44-49. What do you find important for us to understand about Jesus' departing words to the disciples?

Why don't you think Jesus' stayed longer with the disciples after the resurrection?

4 – THE GOAT IS COMING ONCE MORE

Read Hebrews 9:28. Paul talked about how the first time Jesus came will be different from the next time. **How will Jesus second coming contrast with his first coming 2,000 years ago?**