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Dear Ministry Friends,

"The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. Ephesians 5:13-14

STILL THE GREATEST (TRUE) STORY EVER TOLD!

...not just during the Easter Season, but <u>each day</u>, we're being driven to ask anew, what does The Resurrection even mean to me? To you?

You and I are given a chance to believe, along with the disciples. We can rub our puffy eyes having gone without sleep...even as we hear Mary's panting voice. She, choppily bubbling out her exciting story -- still breathless with wonder



Heather and John at the studio of the VOICE OF HOPE - ISRAEL, 1287 AM located on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. Reaching Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Israel with the Gospel of Jesus.

and joy as she recounts eagerly the events witnessed only moments before in Luke 24. And you...deciding just what <u>you'll do</u> with the news!

In case you wondered, Mary had already made her decision. Do you picture yourself... Outside the story? Beyond the story? ...or "in" the story, right along with the disciples? Experiencing it in "real-time" as they say.

Well, I have *Biblical headlines* for you. Are your ears tingling to hear it? No matter what <u>you</u> think, you <u>are</u> "in" The Story. Why? Because Jesus' Resurrection has already fundamentally affected every living being on planet earth. This is true right now, this is true for those who've gone before us, and true for *all* yet to be born.

That's how the story is written. And, like the Roman guards, the religious, the women, Peter, John and the rest of the Eleven... along with multiple hundreds of thousands of others since. It's up to you what <u>you</u> choose to do with His Resurrection. But, **your choice** on the matter will *affect you* one way or another.

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Those who'd seen Him. You remember – The guards? They shook like dead men. Then took a bribe to stay silent. The women? Though afraid, well, they listened. They listened to the angel. Then they listened to Jesus. Then, they testified about what they'd seen and experienced.

Peter ran to *verify*. John went to *verify* too. Others *talked about* what had happened to one another. When they encountered Jesus, they sought *to confirm* The *Reality* of Jesus' Resurrection Even though they'd *seen* Him, some had even been taught by Him. But they'd watched Him disappear in front of their faces. Yes, one way or another -- You'll *choose* too.



DISCOVERIES IN PRAYER BROADCAST Voice of Hope Africa & Americas

Heather Tayloe (right) and co-host, Kathy Kositchek calling our listeners to a deeper understanding and experience in prayer using scripture and testimonies. We believe that the power of prayer is vital to a growing Church worldwide.

The Eleven Disciples were rebuked by Jesus for "stubbornly refusing" to believe those who'd already Testified to having seen Him. Those who'd said emphatically Jesus had Resurrected, just as He'd said! Even though – they too were afraid. So now that the news is <u>true</u> and it's been <u>verified</u> for us, what should <u>we do</u> next? Isn't that the unspoken message that The Resurrection drives you towards?

The...now what do we do with Him? Now that I know He's Resurrected for myself? The mind-blowing events before, during and after His death were... Miraculous, Revolutionary and Right on the mark. He "embodied" THE <u>answer</u> to our prayers. Jesus arrived, bled, died and resurrected - just as had been Promised. He was absolutely On Time. His teaching and His ways were Life-Altering. I mean, Who talks like that? It's GOT to be Him?

ALIVE AGAIN!

It was Him! (who lived and who died). It is Him (who diedand **Resurrected**). But (like the disciples then) I'm still stinging from – the Death, the Cost, the Fear, the Danger, the what's next. Disappointing? Doubt-riddled? Terrifying? Rage-inducing? Grief-inciting? Criminal? Lawless? Mean Death? Utter betrayal? Confusing? Unclear? Thrilling? Thought-Provoking?...**JESUS.**

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Luke 24:44-53 tells us that Jesus said "... Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms and then Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

THE ASCENSION OF JESUS

When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

The often missed Resurrection Headline... Their minds had been opened to understand by Jesus. Then **He'd ascended** right in front of them. What did they do? What did they do with it ALL? ... They worshipped him. Then they

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returned to the epicenter of the death of Jesus...to Jerusalem. And with Great Joy they Worshipped Him.

Where did they worship Him? In a closet? In a forest? In a cave? Just in their homes? Nope. They stayed continually at the temple, praising God. Those who'd meant to strike fear, to kill-off, to erase, to eradicate, to annihilate, to stomp-out...**Jesus** and **His message** HAD TO BE TERRIFIED by this action.

Remember – Many of those religious leaders and teachers of the law...they'd plotted, they'd planned, they'd paid off, they'd held an illicit trial, they'd falsely accused an innocent man, they'd denied an exchange for His life, picking a real murderer over Him, they'd connived to have Him murdered.

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But wait, there's more, they'd come up with "the perfect plan" to even have the Roman Government kill Him to be "above" accusation.

Now these followers of Jesus were <u>in</u> the Temple. They were in what those same leaders claimed as "their" temple – the place "they" controlled. Jesus' followers were there right now worshiping Jesus!

THEY'D DONE THEIR WORST

Still, Jesus' followers were IN the temple? Doing what? Why weren't they "in hiding"? Why weren't they terrified? Why weren't they sorrowful? Hadn't the Roman guards been paid to lie about what they'd witnessed? Hadn't they been given their "talking points"? Hadn't they "plugged" all possible "leaks"? Hadn't they "engineered" all possible outcomes? Surely This Fantastical Story can have "no legs"? I'll leave the ending up to you.

In the Service of the King,

John and Heather Otis Tayloe Founders and President

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John and Heather

