



# Contagious Christianity

## Spread Hope...In The Midst of Disappointment

### Key Scripture:

Mark 1:28 NLT

The news about Jesus spread quickly throughout the entire region of Galilee.

### Disappointment of the Crucifixion

Mark 15:45-47 NLT

45 **The officer confirmed that Jesus was dead**, so Pilate told Joseph he could have the body. 46 Joseph bought a long sheet of linen cloth. Then he took Jesus' body down from the cross, wrapped it in the cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been carved out of the rock. Then he rolled a stone in front of the entrance. 47 Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where Jesus' body was laid.

### Disappointment can be...

✓ **Confusing.**

Matthew 11:3 NLT

"Are you the Messiah we've been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?"

✓ **Contagious.**

John 11:21 NKJV

Now Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.

✓ **Counterproductive.**

Luke 24:20-21 NLT

20 our leading priests and other religious leaders handed him over to be condemned to death, and they crucified him.

21 We had hoped he was the Messiah who had come to rescue Israel. This all happened three days ago.

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### Jesus In The Midst

Luke 24:15 NLT

As they talked and discussed these things, **Jesus Himself suddenly came and began walking with them.**

### Open your eyes and recognize Jesus.

Luke 24:31 NIV

Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him, and He disappeared from their sight.

#### 1. Share your disappointment with **Him.**

Luke 24:17 NKJV

And He said to them,

**"What kind of conversation is this** that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?"

#### 2. Listen to Him and **believe His Word**

Luke 24:25-27 CEV

25 Then Jesus asked the two disciples, **"Why can't you understand? How can you be so slow to believe all that the prophets said? 26 Didn't you know that the Messiah would have to suffer before he was given his glory?"** 27 Jesus then explained everything written about himself in the Scriptures, beginning with the Law of Moses and the Books of the Prophets.

#### 3. Invite **Jesus In**

Luke 24:28-29 NLT

28 By this time they were nearing Emmaus and the end of their journey. Jesus acted as if he were going on, 29 but they begged him, "Stay the night with us, since it is getting late." So **He went home with them.**

#### 4. Go **tell** others.

Luke 24:32-34 NLT

32 They said to each other, "Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?" 33 And within the hour they were on their way back to Jerusalem. There they found the eleven disciples and the others who had gathered with them, 34 who said, **"The Lord has really risen! ..."**

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