

RISEN - WORTH DYING FOR

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I. Luke 24:1-7 - Jesus' Comeback

A. **Comeback** - a new effort to win or succeed after being close to defeat or failure.

B. Great comeback stories:

1. Elvis Presley - 1968 performance on NBC
2. 2000 - Three decades after their hey day as Go-Go boots make a surprising fashion revival.
3. 1950s - Japan and Germany rose from the ashes of WWII to become industrial superpowers.
4. Abraham Lincoln - 16th President of the United States
5. 2004 Boston Red Sox vs New York Yankees
6. 1993 Buffalo Bills come back from 32 points down to win a playoff game against the Houston Oilers.

C. In the Bible, the four Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—addressed four types of people.

1. Matthew addressed the Jewish nation—religious people. He focused on Jesus's credentials.
2. Mark addressed the Romans—pragmatic people. He concentrated on Jesus's actions.
3. Luke addressed the Greeks—thinkers. He brought out Jesus's teachings.
4. John addressed everyone! He showed us all Jesus's divinity.

II. 4 Things we can comeback from because Jesus did:

A. **DESPAIR** -

1. **Matthew 27:57-61**
2. **Matt 28:1-8**
3. **1 Cor 15:14** 14 And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty
4. **Heb 11:1** 1 Now faith is the **substance** of things **hoped for**, the evidence of things not seen.

B. **DEFEAT** -

1. **Mark 14:29-31**
2. **Mark 16:6-7** 6 But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. 7 But go, tell His disciples — **and Peter** — that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you."

C. **DOUBT** - **Luke**

1. Gospel of Luke was written to the Greeks - philosophers, thinkers, skeptics.
2. **Acts 1:1-3**
 - a) **Infallible proofs** - *tekmerion* - Legally admissible evidence
3. **John 20:24-29** - Thomas

D. **DEATH** -

1. **John 11:25-26**
2. **John 20:30-31** 30 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and that believing you may have life in His name.
3. **Ps 71:14** 14 But I will hope continually, And will praise You yet more and more.
4. **Rom 4:18** NLT 18 Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping—believing that he would become the father of many nations.
5. **Rom 8:24-25** 24 For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.