Luke
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a verse by verse study
But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened.

Luke 24:12
Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared.  

2 But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb.  

3 Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.  

4 And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments.  

5 Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead?  

6 He is not here, but is risen!

Luke 24:1-6a
Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.’ And they remembered His words. Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles. And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them. But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened.
1. Examine the Reasons for the Resurrection
A. The First Day of the Week

Now on the first day of the week...

Luke 24:1
Acts 20:7

...on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul...spoke to them...

1 Corinthians 16:2

On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside...
Justin (150 AD)
“And on the day called Sunday there is a gathering together in the same place of all who live in a city or a rural district.”

Barnabas (100 AD)
“Wherefore we Christians keep the eighth day for joy, on which also Jesus arose from the dead and when he appeared ascended into heaven.”

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Luke 24:1b,10
C. Lack of Expectation of Resurrection

...bringing the spices which they had prepared.

Luke 24:1
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D. Stone Rolled Away

After Christ’s Resurrection, Claudius Caesar issued a decree for people to stop stealing bodies from Judah’s sepulchers. Without realizing it, he was confirming Christ’s Resurrection.

Luke 24:2
E. Missing Body

Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

Luke 24:3
F.  Perplexing Concept for a Jewish Messiah

4 And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. 5 Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? 6 He is not here, but is risen!...

Luke 24:4-6
Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.’ ”

Luke 24:6b-7
H. Disciples’ Lack of Faith

And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them.

Luke 24:11
I. Empty Tomb Impact on Disciples

But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened.

Luke 24:12
2. Rub the Ramifications of the Resurrection Into Your Lives
1st Ramification: Eternal Reunions

I Will See Them Again!
1st Ramification: Eternal Reunions
2nd Ramification: Life-Risking Love

I Will Give Myself for Others

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1st Ramification: Eternal Reunions
2nd Ramification: Life-Risking Love
3rd Ramification: Soul-Changing Power

I Have Dead Spots

“...receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.”

James 1:21
who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

2 Corinthians 1:22
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