

## Communion is...

**Communion** is response... my response to Jesus' invitation to meet with Him and see Him in the glory of His resurrection.

## Read Matthew 28:9-15

**Jesus called His followers to a designated mountain in Galilee**, this elevated place where as the Risen Christ He would interact with them and instruct them before He ascended to heaven. What an invitation!

**But we see as well that while the disciples were on the way to Galilee**, an evil invitation was also being extended. Verses 11-15 reveal yet another gathering of the religious leaders. See once they got news from the guards of Jesus' empty tomb, they knew they had to do something. So, we find them conspiring together to come up with a story to explain away the empty tomb... a deceitful story of the disciples stealing Jesus' body. Then they invited the soldiers into their deceit, buying them off with a large sum of money. The Bible then tells us ***"this story was shared widely among the Jews and is to this day."***

**But how many of us know**, just because a story is told, it doesn't make it true. We know the Truth, the Truth that Jesus truly did rise from the dead, overcoming sin and death for us. We know that He is alive!

**You may not have thought about it like this before...** but really two invitations were extended on that incredible day... one to meet with the Risen Christ on the mountain... and one to be bought off with lie straight from the pit of hell.

**But as I ponder these two invitations, I realize these same ones are being extended to me and to you every day.** See every single day Jesus invites us to the high places of His resurrection... high places like joy, love, forgiveness, peace, trust, faith, hope, faithfulness, kindness, generosity, obedience, worship and more... But we are also daily invited into the alluring deception of sin... an invitation that seeks to ignore the Truth that Jesus really did rise from the dead.

**So how will we respond?** Hopefully we will head to the mountain... but let's be honest... left to ourselves, even though we hate to admit it... sometimes we too can be bought off by the allure of sin and before we know it, we may even start believing lies about WHO Jesus is.

**That is one of many reasons why communion with Jesus is so important.** When we practice communion daily, it is a response to an invitation... a response that sets our feet on the right path toward the mountain. When we practice communion, we know that we have a commitment, a meeting with Jesus that we must ascend to. And when we get there, we see Him and can't deny the Truth of Who He is.

## Prayer Conversation Starter...

**Jesus, thank You for Your invitation. I respond, "Yes!"** So I will see you on the mountain...

