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## “Fairness Or Forgiveness”

Luke 24:1-8

Introduction: One of the hardest lessons we ever learn is the simple reality, “life isn’t fair”.

1. When we start experiencing that reality, it’s a rude awakening.
  - That’s because fairness is a concept we value, we find comfort & security in the idea of fairness.
2. In our minds “fairness” is the way it should be.
3. We feel so strongly about this, that we even project that idea on to God.
  - After all, He’s the one who runs the universe.
  - He is good, so He must be fair.
  - That rule applies to our day to day lives.
  - That rule applies to eternity.
4. Do you see a problem here?
5. Doesn’t the fact, life isn’t fair, undermine our perception?
6. If life isn’t fair in the present, why do we think eternity will be different?

### I. Understanding The Problem

#### A. God Rewards Goodness

1. He Is Good
2. He Is Fair
3. We Are Comfortable

### B. Glaring Inconsistencies

1. Present Reality
2. What Is Good
3. How Much Good Is Needed
4. Jesus

### II. Exploring An Alternative

#### A. Bad People

#### B. All People

#### C. Forgiven People

1. Truth Test
2. Fairness Test

Conclusion: Is there any debate on life’s fairness?

1. Don’t risk your eternity on fairness!
2. What happened to Jesus wasn’t fair.
3. What He offers isn’t fair.
4. He offers forgiveness; He offers grace.
5. Will you accept Him today?