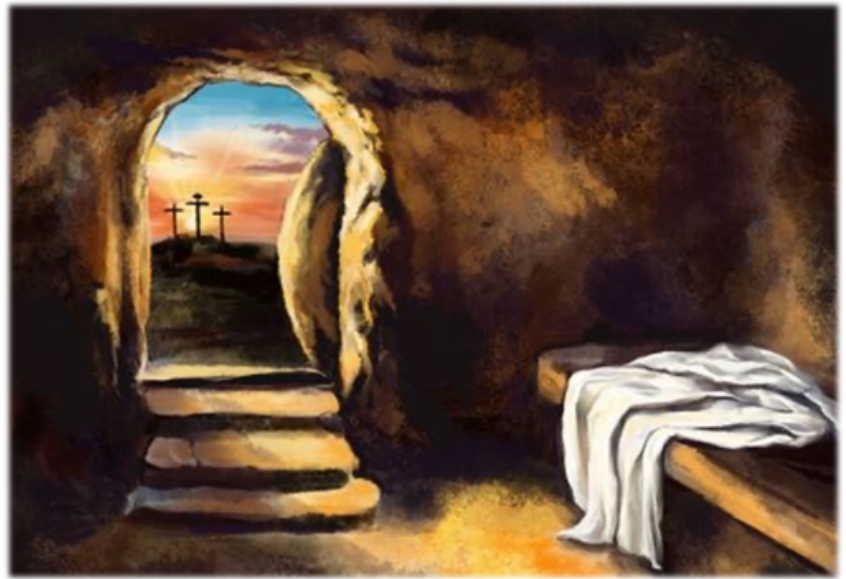


# Resurrected

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[Luke 24:1-12](#)

Our lesson this week is about the greatest event since creation. Jesus conquered death, the penalty for our sin. On the morning of Jesus' resurrection, the women wanted to go to Jesus. They longed to return and give him a proper burial. Anointing his body with spices would be their last act of love for Jesus.



The Gospel of Luke tells us that at the crack of dawn, the moment they could, the women went to the tomb. When the tomb came into view, they saw the stone had been rolled away. They went inside and were puzzled by what they saw.

Where could his body be? Thankfully, the mystery quickly was resolved by two figures that appeared engulfed in dazzling light who asked them, *“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen”* (Luke 24:5-6).

With those simple words, Scripture lets us know the whole world has changed. Nothing remained the same. These Scriptures assure us this was God's plan all along. Jesus became the bridge whereby humans could come into relationship with God. For us, the good news of Easter is that the very same God, who had the power to raise Jesus from the tomb, offers us the chance to be raised from our dead life in sin, into a new life with Christ. [excerpts from Carol McEntyre]

## Return (Luke 24:1-5a)

- ***“Now upon the first day of the week”*** – The women approached the tomb on Sunday morning to anoint Jesus' body with burial spices. From dusk on Friday to dusk on Saturday was the Jewish Sabbath and no work could be done. Before dawn, the women approached the tomb.
    - The women watched on Friday to see which tomb Joseph of Arimathea buried Jesus in.
    - It is clear the women loved Jesus and wanted to carry out one last act of service for Him.
  - They did not know about guards at the tomb, but they were concerned about the stone.
    - ***“they found the stone rolled away”*** – Their biggest obstacle was gone, they could enter in.
  - ***“found not the body of the Lord Jesus”*** – They entered the tomb expecting to see Jesus body. Nothing had prepared them for what they found. ***“they were much perplexed thereabout”***
  - ***“Two men stood beside them in shining garments”***
    - Angels, appearing as men, appeared.
    - The women were afraid (we would be too!)
  - The women were very confused, what is happening?
    - They came to serve their Lord Jesus. Now, Jesus' body is missing, and two angels are present. Why?
- **Why had the women forgotten Jesus' teachings about his death and resurrection on the third day?**



### **Remember** (Luke 24:5b-7)

- ***“Why seek the living among the dead?”***
  - Jesus often taught with parables. Here the angels use questions to spark the women’s memory.
  - Would the women remember what Jesus said?
- ***“He is not here, but is risen”***
  - In a cemetery, one does not find the living but the dead.
  - Jesus was not in the tomb because *He is risen!*
- Since Adam and Eve’s sin in the Garden of Eden, man has paid the penalty for sin – a permanent physical death. No wonder the women expected Jesus body to be in the tomb. They watched Him be crucified to death on Friday at about 3:00 PM.
  - Now the angels are saying something astonishing, **Jesus is alive!**
- ***“Remember how He spoke unto you when He was yet in Galilee.”***
  - The imperative ‘remember’ urged the women to think back to those days and listen to the voice of their memory. Today is the fulfilment of Jesus’ promise concerning His death and resurrection. **[See the attached Scripture where Jesus taught about His resurrection.]**
- So that there was no doubt about Jesus’ teachings, the angels said directly to the women ***“The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.”*** Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection **‘must’** occur. It was necessary for God’s plan.
  - Jesus clearly foretold He would ***“the third day rise again.”***
- The women must have instantly realized this morning is the third day! [Note: Jewish custom is to count any part of a day as a day, so Friday Evening, Saturday, and Sunday morning = 3 days.]
- **Why is it hard for believers to hear and believe difficult sayings in the Bible?**



### **Report** (Luke 24:8-12)

- ***“And they remembered His words”*** – the women’s attitudes were transformed!
  - The women: Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James and other women.
  - Now they grasped that He had died but also **had risen from the dead.** Praise God!
- What next? The Gospel of Mark tells us the women had specific instructions from the angel:
  - ***“But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’”*** Mark 16:7
- When the women shared their experience at the tomb with the disciples, would they believe the women? Not. ***“their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not.”***
  - The men didn’t accept the eye-witness testimony of the women.
- But Peter arose, ran to the tomb, saw the linen clothes ***“and departed, wondering in himself at that which was come to pass.”*** Today, we don’t have to wonder what happened.
  - JESUS IS ALIVE! Halleluiah, Praise God.
- **Why didn’t the apostles believe the women?**

### **Biblical Truth:**

***Jesus is the resurrected Savior and Lord.***

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.” John 3:16-17*



### ***Scripture Where Jesus Taught About His Resurrection on the Third Day***

*Matthew 16:21*

*From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day.*

*Matthew 17:23*

*and they will kill Him, and He will be raised on the third day.” And they were deeply grieved.*

*Matthew 20:19*

*and will hand Him over to the Gentiles to mock and scourge and crucify Him, and on the third day He will be raised up.”*

*Luke 9:22*

*saying, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed and be raised up on the third day.”*

*Luke 18:33*

*and after they have scourged Him, they will kill Him; and the third day He will rise again.”*

*Mark 8:31*

*And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.*

*Mark 9:31*

*For He was teaching His disciples and telling them, “The Son of Man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and when He has been killed, He will rise three days later.”*

*Mark 10:34*

*They will mock Him and spit on Him, and scourge Him and kill Him, and three days later He will rise again.”*

*Matthew 17:9 and Mark 9:9*

*As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, “Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.”*

*John 20:9*

*For as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead.*

*Matthew 26:32& Mark 14:28*

*But after I have been raised, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.”*

*John 10:17-18*

*For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again. No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father.”*