

Luke 24:1-12
What Did You Expect?

1. Return to the Tomb 1-3

A. What do you expect when you go to the cemetery?

“Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.” -Luke 23:50-56 ESV

“And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?”” -Mark 16:3 ESV

The tomb from Luke’s account “was fashioned by quarrying into the side of a rock face. Such a tomb might have included a forecourt before a cave, the mouth of which could be covered by a large, disk-shaped stone set in a groove cut into the rock beneath it. The entrance would lead into the burial chamber with a stone step and central pit of sufficient height to allow persons to stand in order to prepare a corpse for internment on one of the stone benches carved into the rock along the sides of the chamber. Joseph’s apparent possession of such a tomb, like his membership in the Jerusalem council, evidences his elite status.” Joel B. Green

B. The Stone is Rolled Away 2

C. No Body 3

“but he said to them, “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.” And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.” -Luke 4:43-44 ESV

D. Reaction #1: Perplexed/Uncertainty 4a

2. An Unexpected Encounter 4b-7

A. Angels! 4b

Angels announced his birth

“And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them,

and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!””

Luke 2:8-14 ESV

B. The Question

“Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, “Whom do you seek?” They answered him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, “I am he.” Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground. So he asked them again, “Whom do you seek?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus answered, “I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go.”” -John 18:4-8 ESV

“And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.” -John 20:12-18 ESV

“Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him.””
Luke 20:38 ESV

C. Putting Together What Jesus Said 6, 7

“saying, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.”” -Luke 9:22 ESV

“And all were astonished at the majesty of God. But while they were all marveling at everything he was doing, Jesus said to his disciples, “Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men.” But they did not understand this saying, and it was concealed from them, so that they might not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask him about this saying.” -Luke 9:43-45 ESV

3. All These Things 8-12

A. They Remembered and Returned 8-10

“Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod’s household manager, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their means.” Luke 8:1-3 ESV

B. A Faithful report

C. Reaction #2: Cynicism

D. Reaction #3: Amazement

Your Reaction:

“Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us;” -2 Timothy 2:8-12 ESV

“A man really ought to say, ‘The Resurrection happened two thousand years ago’ in the same spirit in which he says, ‘I saw a crocus yesterday.’ Because we know what is coming behind the crocus. The spring comes slowly down this way; but the great thing is that the corner has been turned. There is, of course, this difference, that in the natural spring the crocus cannot choose whether it will respond or not. We can. We have the power either of withstanding the spring, and sinking back into the cosmic winter, or of going on into those ‘high mid-summer poms’ in which our leader, the Son of man, already dwells, and to which He is calling us. It remains with us to follow or not, to die in this winter, or to go on into that spring and that summer.” C.S. Lewis, “The Grand Miracle”

“Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.” 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 ESV

“that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.” -Philippians 3:10-11 ESV

“My memory is nearly gone; but I remember two things: That I am a great sinner, and that Christ is a great Savior.” John Newton

Reflection: What is your reaction to the Resurrection of Jesus today? How does this historical event and the living Savior change your life?

Follow UP in the Word through the Week...

Monday: Luke 23:50-56. What kind of risk did Joseph take in providing this burial for Jesus?

Tuesday: Luke 4:43-44. When Jesus mentions the kingdom of God, what was He preaching? The kingdom is a major theme of His ministry.

Wednesday: Luke 9:43-45. Why was there confusion on what Jesus reported to them and why do you think there was such a delay in their belief that he truly rose from the dead?

Thursday: 2 Timothy 2:8-12. How would you describe the effect of the Resurrection on Paul?

Friday: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8. How primary to believing in Jesus is the Resurrection? How do you explain that to others?

Saturday: Philippians 3:10-11. How much do we know of the “power of the Resurrection” in this life? How should this identification with Jesus effect our life according to these verses?