

Luke 24.1-12

Written Word Reveals Living Word

Read 23 chapters LUKE > Jesus is Headliner – Story revolves around Him

Birth sung by Angels – Baptized in Jordan R – Preached Kingdom of God

Called Disciples – Miracles of Healing & Deliverance – Calmed Storms

Rebuke Religious Leaders – Feed 1000's – Betrayed, Arrested, Trials

Ch 24 He is GONE! – No, AHA Moment – When will He JUMP Out?

1. What the Women Found: *Shock and Sadness*

Small Group Women – LAST at Cross, FIRST at the Empty Tomb

23.55 “the women...followed & saw the tomb and how his body was laid”

Not come to Worship Him > Re-wrap Dead Body w Spices

21st C Read w Hope, 1st C Reality – Hopeless, Crucifixion Very Effective

Romans had 100% Success Record > Crosses Killed all the Time

Joseph of Arimathea > Bold Risk > Devotion for Rabbi > Honor Memory Never Imagined he was just LOANING a Tomb for a Few Hours

Women Knew Exactly where to GO v. 1 “on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared”

Lit “Deep Earliness” Military BMNT: ‘Before Morning Nautical Light’

When Men from Kalahikiola are Up Scrambling Eggs

v. 2,3 “found the stone rolled away from the tomb... not find the body”

Terrible SHOCK > Add INSULT to INJURY

Heartbroken > Imagined Worst, Foul Play > Shock to their Sadness

v. 4 “while they were perplexed about this...” / Not Explain This!

Facts to Consider – Stone Rolled Away, No Soldiers (Mt), No Body

v. 3 “**body of the LORD Jesus**” 1st X in Luke > Risen Lord!

1st TIME in the GOSPEL LUKE GIVES Jesus TITLE “LORD”

RISEN LORD – LORD of ROMAN World - LORD of the UNIVERSE

PROMISED at Birth: 1:32,33 He will be great & will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him throne of his father David, & he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end

REVOLUTIONARY CONFESSION OF FIRST CHRISTIANS

in a Roman World where all confessed "Caesar is Lord" -

Romans 10:9 if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Women NOT There YET > Distressed! Could NOT FIND Jesus!

2. What the Angels Said – *Sight or Scripture?*

Women found Angels in Tomb: v. 4 “While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel...as they were frightened & bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen”

Angel = Messenger / God’s Message, Robed in Radiant SPLENDOR

1st Word often “Fear Not!” > Mild REBUKE, Not Listening to Jesus!

False Assumption! Spices?! Wasted \$\$ - NOT Dead – Very Much Alive

NOT Merely Alive in Hearts, Memories, Spirits, Imagination: Alive!

Death could Not Hold Him – Eternal God, Forever Man – Objective Fact

Not Resuscitation, Never Die Again > Immortal Splendor, Heavenly Body

Women in Wrong place for the FIRST Easter Celebration

Many have a GREAT LOVE for JESUS – Devotion, Statues, Jewelry

Despite Women’s Devotion THEY ARE REBUKED by the ANGELS

SINCERE DEVOTION CAN BE SINCERELY WRONG

Way we KNOW Jesus is ALIVE is NOT Evidence – How INTERPRET?

Young Man > Busy Medical Clinic for Tests > Nurse handed Container

“Go to Men’s Room & Fill this Up!” – he Brought back Empty Container

“I did not Need to use this thing, there was a Toilet in there!”

Sometimes we Don’t Get the Message Correct!

Angels rebuke v. 6 “remember how He TOLD YOU!”

If U want to KNOW Jesus – 4 Sure! - U MUST KNOW the BIBLE

God must be INTERPRETER > Discover His Will thru His WORD

v. 8 ‘Then they remembered his words’/ Reason Jesus Missing from chapt

THE SCRIPTURE IS THE KEY TO UNDERSTANDING JESUS

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Easter Song > "I Serve a Risen Savior, He's in the World Today:

I Know that He is Living, Whatever men may say

He Lives, He Lives – Salvation to Impart!

You Ask me how I Know He Lives? HE LIVES WITHIN MY HEART!

Important TRUTH > Jesus does Need to LIVE in Us, Must be Born Again

How we KNOW > NOT Subjective Feelings – Objective Facts

"For I delivered to you as of 1st 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 3rd day in accordance with the Scriptures" 1 Corinthians 15.3,4

Jesus Dead & Buried & Declared in Bible: Living Word in Written Word

v. 25 Jesus said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!

v. 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself

v. 32 They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

v. 45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

Risen Jesus NOT Appear to Pilate, Caiaphas, SANHEDRIN - WHY?

Jesus could have JUMPED out from behind STONE > Here I am! Not Stood I middle Temple Courts or Jerusalem City Square

NOT Nature of Christian Faith > Follow by FAITH in His WORD

16:31 "He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Risen Jesus ONLY APPEARED to BELIEVERS - KNEW SCRIPTURES

Must come to KNOW HIM as Your OWN Savior & Lord - BY FAITH

Romans 10.17 faith comes from hearing & hearing thru word of Christ

Heard & Believed > Sins Forgiven, Born Again, Will Rise w Risen X

How do I Know I am Right with God? Because of Feelings?

Feelings Change > Fickle > Doubts > Questions > Temptations > Pains

Hope in Promise of My Good Shepherd – John 10 “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand”

My Emotional Stability may be Shot > Jesus’ Promise Never Changes

v. 5 “**Remember how he told you**, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” **And they remembered his words”**

3. How the Disciples Responded – *Sharing and Searching*

a. First Preachers of Resurrection were Women

Women FOLLOWED Jesus from Beginning > Supported w Own \$\$

Heard MANY Sermons > Not Remember what SAID: PERPLEXED

Empty Tomb > NO ANSWERS // Scripture > Clear MEANING!

v. 9 returning from the tomb they told all these things to the 11 & to all the rest - Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles

Word of Angels fell on Good Soil of Women’s Hearts

Many Teachings came Alive in their Hearts and Minds > God’s Truth!

Questions Answered > Tomb Empty, Not Grave Robbers, Resurrection!

Jesus Not Dead, He was Alive > Victory over Death, Sin, Devil, Hell!

Gospel of Luke > Persuasive Essay > written for Wealthy Patron

1.3 it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught

Not Sure whether Theophilus was Believer (Name means Lover of God)

Clear that Luke WANTS him and all his Readers to Repent / Receive

WOMEN – 1st to BELIEVE & PREACH the RESURRECTION

1st Century – Testimony of Woman was WORTHLESS – Inadmissible

Maybe why Paul never lists women in those who saw risen X 1Cor15

St. Augustine: "Apostola Apostolorum" / Apostles to the Apostles

If depend on Social Approval for Acceptance > Silent about Women!

Unvarnished Gospel Story – Tells like it IS – Nothing to HIDE

It is TRUTH & Truth will Set us Free!

b. Apostles Doubted v. 11 but these words seemed to them an idle tale,
and they did not believe them.

Again seems Gospel Writer Shooting himself in the Foot > Not Helping

If those Closest to Jesus – Heard Most – Seen More > Not Believe??

Matt 28.17 “when they saw him they worshipped, some doubted”

v. 11 "words seemed to them an idle tale" Medical Word: DELIRIOUS!

“in medicinal language the WILD TALK of the Sick in DELIRIUM”

TODAY Many think the Bible ‘Fairy Tale’ – Few have READ IT!

J.B. Phillips: “Over the years I have had hundreds of conversations with people, many of them higher intellectual caliber than my own, who quite obviously had no idea of what Christianity is all about...I was simply and gently trying to find out what they knew about the New Testament. My conclusion was that they knew virtually nothing. This I find pathetic and somewhat horrifying. It means that the most important Event in human history is politely and quietly by-passed. For it is not as though the evidence had been examined and found unconvincing: it has simply never been examined.”

c. Evidence Available for Examination

Americans Grumbling > Wanna see EPSTEIN Files – All Kinky Details

Pam lost the Job because People Think Somebody is Hiding Something

Not WILLING to Even Listen to Gospel – Read Bible – Visit Church

v. 12 “Peter rose & ran to the tomb; stooping & looking in, he saw linen cloths by themselves & he went home marveling at what had happened”

2 Facts: 1) There was No Body There, 2) Body had Not been Stolen

John 20.6-7 "...He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen"
Body passed thru the cloths, leaving them in a collapsed cocoon shape.

Wm. McBryde Chaplain for Confederacy in American Civil War

After one Engagement: Bullet Holes thru Shoe, Backpack, Back of Coat, Front of Vest, Sleeve,
and his Bible > But HE was NOT Wounded!

Comment: “When I saw all those bullet holes it can make a person think!”

How about YOU? – OUR church? – Your FAMILY, Neighbors, Friends?

Have you Told Them the Good News of Jesus – Who Else Will?

There is GREAT HOPE for your Family, Friends, Neighbors

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Even Apostle NOT PUT ALL PIECES TOGETHER > Right Away!!

God OPENED his Eyes to Know TRUTH > Revelation

HOPE for Us and ALL People > God draws People to Himself !

God calling People OPEN their Minds: Read Most Popular Bk History

Many Good Reasons to Believe Jesus is Alive!

Evidence of History: Empty Tomb? Where is Body of Jesus?

Church: 12 Disciples Dying for Hoax? Sabbath > Sunday?

Followers of Jesus growing all over WORLD > Easter Sunday!

Official Looking Letter: Someone DIED left \$\$ > Scam? Look Into it!

Offer too GREAT > Live Forever! New Body! New Heaven & Earth!

Some say "If I could have seen Empty Tomb, I would BELIEVE!"

NOT happen that way for Women...not even for Apostle Peter

Faith comes by Hearing > Same Scriptures you can Read TODAY!

According to Scriptures: Jesus is Alive, Death is Ended, Hope Forever

Great Offer > Are you Willing to Check it Out??

Psalm 72 / Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son! // **May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!** // Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness! // **May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!** // May they fear you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations! // **May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth!** // In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more! // **May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth!** // May desert tribes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust! // **May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and**

Seba bring gifts! // May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!

For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper. // He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy. // **From oppression and violence he redeems their life, and precious is their blood in his sight.** // Long may he live; may gold of Sheba be given to him! May prayer be made for him continually, and blessings invoked for him all the day! // **May there be abundance of grain in the land; on the tops of the mountains may it wave; may its fruit be like Lebanon;** // and may people blossom in the cities like the grass of the field! May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun! // **May people be blessed in him, all nations call him blessed!** Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. // **Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!**