



ANGELS ANNOUNCE THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

The Savior's followers learn that He rose from the dead.

LUKE 24:1-12

FIRST THOUGHTS

God the Father gave Jesus the right to give up His own life and then come back to life. Faith in Jesus means we trust Him. He is the resurrected and living **Lord**. We can be strong when we tell others about the resurrection of Jesus.



UNDERSTAND THE CONTEXT

Jesus was crucified. He was buried in the tomb owned by a man named Joseph. Joseph was from the town of Arimathea. The tomb was a cave in a hillside. The opening to the tomb had a large solid stone rolled in front of it. This lesson begins after Jesus was crucified and buried in the tomb. The disciples were gathered in a house.

Early Sunday morning, the women who were followers of Jesus took spices and perfumes to put on His body.

EXPLORE THE TEXT

1. The Empty Tomb (Luke 24:1-3)

The women returned to the tomb and discovered the stone was moved. Jesus' body was gone. They were very surprised.

VERSE 1.

Very early on the first day of the week, at dawn, the women came to the tomb, bringing the spices they had prepared.

The women were the first people to go to Jesus' tomb. It was very early in the morning. It was probably still dark when they started to walk to the tomb. They went to put spices and perfumes on His body. The spices and perfumes were used to block the terrible smell of a dead body when it decays.

VERSE 2.

They found the stone rolled away from the entrance of the tomb.

As the women walked, they were worried about the huge stone that was in front of the opening at the cave. They knew they could not move such a large stone. (Read Mark 16:3.)

When they arrived at the tomb, the stone was moved away. The tomb was open. Matthew wrote that an earthquake happened (Matthew 28:2).

VERSE 3.

*But when they went in, they did not find the body of the **Lord** Jesus.*

The women went into the tomb. It was empty. They did not know why the tomb was empty. They were worried.

Why were the women worried? List two reasons.

1. _____

2. _____

2. Angels Announce, "Jesus Is Risen" (Luke 24:4-8)

DID YOU KNOW: . . . *The resurrection of Jesus is real.*

To become saved we must first believe Jesus' resurrection is real.

Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-8.

Find a verse in John's Gospel that tells people how to be saved.

VERSE 4.

While they were wondering about this, two men in shining clothes suddenly stood beside them.

The women wondered about what happened to Jesus. While they were talking, two men in shining clothes stood beside them. The verse does not say they were angels. Bible students believe they were **angels**.

VERSE 5.

The women were very afraid and bowed their heads to the ground. The men said to them, “Why are you looking for a living person in this place for the dead?”

The women were afraid. The angels did not say anything to calm their fears. They asked them why they were looking in a tomb for a person who was alive. The women did not need to put their spices on Jesus’ body. He was not dead. He was alive.

Write a few words about how you think you would feel if two angels appeared to you suddenly.

VERSE 6.

“He is not here; He has risen from the dead. Do you remember what He told you in Galilee?”

Then the angels said, “Jesus rose from the dead.” They asked, “Don’t you remember the things He told you while you were in Galilee?” The women were so sad they forgot the things Jesus told them.

VERSE 7.

“He said the Son of Man must be handed over to sinful people, be crucified, and rise from the dead on the third day.”

Several times Jesus told His followers He would be killed and then come back to life. In Galilee He told them He would be crucified, then rise from the dead on the third day.

VERSE 8.

Then the women remembered what Jesus had said.

The women did not understand Jesus when He told them He would rise from the dead. Now the angel told them Jesus came back to life, and they finally understood.

BIBLE SKILL: *Read about some of the times Jesus told His followers He would die and then rise again.*

Matthew 17:22-23

Where was Jesus?

Who was Jesus talking to?

Mark 8:31; 9:30-32; 10:32-34

Where was Jesus?

Who was Jesus talking to?

Luke 18:31-34

Where was Jesus?

Who was Jesus talking to?

Why do you think it took the women some time to remember what Jesus said to them?

3. People Saw Jesus After His Resurrection (Luke 24:9-12)

VERSE 9.

The women left the tomb and told all these things to the eleven apostles and the other followers.

The first thing the women did was to go and tell the disciples what they saw. Why were only eleven disciples gathered together? Judas was not with them. He betrayed Jesus and then he died. This verse also tells us the women told other followers of Jesus.

VERSE 10.

*It was **Mary Magdalene, Joanna**, Mary the mother of James, and some other women who told the apostles everything that had happened at the tomb.*

Only three women are named in these verses, but other women went to the tomb. They all told the disciples and followers about the things that happened to them. They told them about the empty tomb. They told them about the angels who talked to them.

VERSE 11.

But they did not believe the women, because it sounded like nonsense.

The disciples and other followers did not believe the women. They thought it did not make sense. It sounded silly to them.

VERSE 12.

But Peter got up and ran to the tomb. Bending down and looking in, he saw only the cloth that Jesus' body had been wrapped in. Peter went away to his home, wondering about what had happened.

Peter was the disciple who often acted before he thought things through. He got up and went to the tomb to see for himself (John 20:3-6). John went with him. They ran to the tomb. Peter went into the tomb and saw Jesus was not there.

Why do you think the disciples did not believe the women? List at least two reasons.

IN MY CONTEXT

We can be strong when we tell others about the resurrection of Jesus. Faith in Jesus means we trust Him as the resurrected Savior.

We can explain we know Jesus rose from the dead because His tomb was empty. We know He rose from death because many people saw Him after He rose.

Ask yourself these questions:

Do I really believe Jesus rose from the dead and is still alive today?

Am I able to explain to other people about Jesus' resurrection?

Write a few words about how you can tell other people about your belief that Jesus is the resurrected Savior.

This week, how can I use the things I learned in this lesson?

Who can I share this lesson with?

MEMORY VERSE

The women were very afraid and bowed their heads to the ground. The men said to them, "Why are you looking for a living person in this place for the dead?"—Luke 24:5

Easter

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Plan Ahead

Suggested teaching method: Drama. Use small posters to identify the three women, the angel, and Peter. Have a narrator to sign the verses while the actors demonstrate the action.

Find a picture of a tomb that Bible scholars believe was like the tomb of Jesus.

Ask _____ to sign "He Arose" (Let's Sign Hymnal* #273).

Last week we looked at some **prophecy** by Zephaniah about the coming **Messiah**. For the next two weeks we will look at Luke's account of the resurrection of Jesus. This is the heart of the story of the Messiah.

Ask a class member to review the summary of the resurrection story in Dig Deeper.

EXPLORE THE TEXT (LUKE 24:1-12)

Dig Deeper – The Resurrection Story (Luke 24)

The story of the resurrection has been called the gospel of hope. The prophets preached about the idea of resurrection. Isaiah wrote, "Your people have died, but they will live again; their bodies will rise from death" (Isaiah 26:19). See also Daniel 12:2. The gospel is about the resurrection of Jesus (1 Corinthians 15:12-24). For the complete story of the resurrection, read Matthew 28:1-20; Mark 16:1-20; Luke 24:1-48; John 20:1-21:6; Acts 1:4-9; and 1 Corinthians 15:4-8.

1. The Empty Tomb (Luke 24:1-3)

Show a picture of the tomb.

Have your drama group present these first three verses.

Discuss the answers class members wrote for the question at the end of this section in the pupil material.

2. Angels Announce, "Jesus Is Risen" (Luke 24:4-8)

Have the drama group present verses 4-8.

Assign one of the verses in the Scripture Search box to each one. Ask them to read the verse and then tell the class what it says about angels.

Do angels speak to people today? Many people believe they do. Others say we do not need angels because we have God's Word to tell us what God wants us to know. What do you think?

Scripture Search – Angels (Luke 24:4)

Each of these verses tells us something about the angels.

1 Kings 19:1-8

Acts 12:6-11

Acts 27:23-25

Daniel 6:1-24

Exodus 3:1-6

Exodus 14:19-20

Genesis 19:1-22

Genesis 32:1-2

Hebrews 1:14

John 20:11-13

Judges 2:1-5

Judges 6:11-23

Luke 1:26-38

Luke 2:8-15

Matthew 1:20

Psalms 91:11-12

Zechariah 4:1-14

3. People Saw Jesus After His Resurrection (Luke 24:9-12)

Have the drama group present verses 9-12.

Jesus appeared to many people after the resurrection. He appeared to **Mary Magdalene** (John 20:16), and to the other women (Matthew 28:9). He met Peter (John 21:15-19), then the two disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-36), and then with all the apostles (Luke 24:36-45; John 21:1-14; Matthew 28:16-17). Paul said Jesus met with 500 believers and then with James (1 Corinthians 15:6-7). On the Mount of Olives, Jesus met with His eleven apostles for the last time (Acts 1:2-9).

How can we answer people who say they do not believe Jesus arose from the dead?