

Easter



RESURRECTED!

LUKE 24:1-12

The apostles' message is the truth about the resurrection.

FIRST THOUGHTS

What is the message of the church? It is salvation through faith in the **resurrected** Jesus.

As you study this lesson, do you really believe the **resurrection** of Jesus is true? Many Deaf people say they have a problem accepting this. Look at the truths in this lesson, and let the Holy Spirit lead you to tell your Deaf friends why you believe the resurrection of Jesus is true.



UNDERSTAND THE CONTEXT

We have been studying the Book of Acts. In the Book of Acts the **apostles** told about the resurrection of Jesus. This lesson is the story of the resurrection of Jesus. Luke wrote the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts.

Remember Luke was not an apostle. Read the information about Luke in the Introduction to the Quarter. Luke learned about the life of Jesus from the apostles and other people who were followers of Jesus.

Last quarter, we learned about the **Harmony of the Gospels**. Again, in today's lesson we will study Bible passages from other Gospel writers (Matthew, Mark, and John). Each writer has a different style. Each writer wrote from his own point of view and memory. That is the reason all the information is not written in the same words or in the same way in each verse.

The important thing to remember is that God told them what to write.

You should have at least one other Bible with you to look up verses from other Bible writers.

BIBLE SKILLS: *Comparing Scriptures*

This entire lesson is made up of Bible skills. Each of today's verses has at least one other verse connected to it.

Read the extra verses and answer the questions. Use your second Bible to find the different verses. This is a way to improve your Bible skills.

EXPLORE THE TEXT (LUKE 24:1-12)

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

VERSE 1.

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 first three verses in this chapter describe the things a group of women saw and did.

Compare these verses with the other Gospel writers. Write notes about what is the same and what is different.

Matthew 28:1. _____

Mark 16:1. _____

John 20:1a. _____

Why did the women who were followers of Jesus go to the tomb? When a person dies, their body begins to decay. That causes a terrible odor. They went to put spices inside the burial cloths to block the terrible smell.

Jewish law would not let people do any kind of work on the Sabbath. Taking care of Jesus' body was work. They waited until the next day. The day after the Sabbath was called the first day of the week.

Read all of the verses. Write the names of the women who went to the tomb. _____

VERSE 2.

²*They found the stone rolled away from the entrance of the tomb.*

Compare the other Gospels. Write your notes about what you see that is the same and what you see that is different.

Matthew 28:2. _____

Mark 16:3-4. _____

The women faced four shocking things that morning. What was the first thing that shocked the women? The stone was moved.

They could not think of any way for it to be moved. Guards were standing there to keep Jesus' followers from taking Jesus' body away.

Luke does not explain how the stone was moved. Read the verses from Matthew and Mark. Who moved the stone? _____

VERSE 3.

³But when they went in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

Compare the other Gospels. What do you notice about them?

Matthew 28:6. _____

Mark 16:6. _____

John 20:2b. _____

They faced a second shock. The tomb was empty. Jesus' body was gone. The women did not understand. The angel told them Jesus was **resurrected**. The women did not pay attention to the angel. They continued to think about Jesus' missing body. They did not connect the two thoughts: 1. Jesus' body was missing. 2. The angels said He rose from the dead.

What is your opinion? What did they think happened to Jesus body?

2. The Angels Explain (Luke 24:4-8)

VERSES 4-5a.

⁴While they were wondering about this, two men in shining clothes suddenly stood beside them. ^{5a}The women were very afraid and bowed their heads to the ground.

The women needed someone to explain why the tomb was empty. They saw it was empty. They did not know why.

The angels told the women that Jesus rose from the dead. He was resurrected.

The **resurrection** of Jesus is the most important point in these verses. He was dead and now He is alive. He promised His followers He would rise again. He did!

What were the women wondering about? They were wondering where the body of Jesus was. They loved Him and followed Him. They served Him. Now He was gone. They were worried and had broken hearts.

Then the third shock happened. Two men suddenly appeared in front of them. Their clothes were shining white. Matthew says the guards were very frightened. The women were also frightened. They bowed very low. It was the custom for people to touch the ground with their foreheads when they showed honor to someone.

Read Matthew 28:3-5 and Mark 16:5a. Describe the angels.

VERSES 5b-6.

^{5b} The men said to them, “Why are you looking for a living person in this place for the dead?” ⁶ “He is not here; He has risen from the dead. Do you remember what He told you in Galilee?”

Another shock! Jesus rose from the dead! The angel reminded the women about Jesus’ words while they were all in Galilee. The women forgot the things Jesus said. They were sad and shocked. They were confused. They did not understand the things happening to them. They did not remember Jesus’ words of comfort.

Read Matthew 28:5-6 and Mark 16:7. List three things the angel told the women to do.

KEY DOCTRINE: *Jesus Rose from the Dead*

Jesus appeared to His followers at least nine times after His resurrection. Those are listed in the first lesson of this quarterly.

Jesus also showed Himself to apostle Paul (1 Corinthians 15:3-8).

VERSES 7-8.

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.”⁸ Then the women remembered what Jesus had said.

The angel reminded the women about Jesus’ words. They saw Jesus when He was arrested. They saw Him crucified. They saw Him put in the tomb. Then they were able to see the last part of Jesus’ statement was fulfilled. He rose from the dead on the third day.

Read Luke 9:22 and Luke 18:31-33. Make a list of the things Jesus said would happen to Him.

3. The Apostles Are Amazed (Luke 24:9-12)

VERSES 9-11.

⁹The women left the tomb and told all these things to the eleven apostles and the other followers.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.¹¹ But they did not believe the women, because it sounded like nonsense.

Everyone involved with the event was **amazed**. The guards were totally frightened. The women did not find Jesus in the tomb. Now we read about the reaction of the apostles.

The women went back to the apostles and told them the things they saw and heard.

Why were there only eleven apostles? Judas had already killed himself. He was the apostle who turned Jesus over to His enemies. Luke wrote that the apostles did not believe the women. The other Gospel writers do not mention this.

Read Matthew 28:8. The women were _____ and _____.

Read Mark 16:10. Jesus' followers did not know He was resurrected. They were _____ and _____.

VERSE 12.

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 believed the women. He went running to the tomb. When he arrived at the tomb, he saw the cloth Jesus' body was wrapped in. Nothing else was there.

John ran to the tomb with Peter. He wrote more details than the other Gospel writers because he was there. This is an interesting place to see how two different people wrote about the same event.

Read John 20:3-9. Who gave the most details, Luke or John?

IN MY CONTEXT

In this lesson we have looked at the events in Luke 24:1-12. We have also looked at the other Gospels. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John were all led by the Holy Spirit to write from their memory about the day they found the empty tomb. None of the Gospel writers wrote all of the details. They did not write in exactly the same way. This shows they did not invent a story and try to fool people with it. The one thing they all said was Jesus was **resurrected** from the dead.

Can you tell the story of Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection so someone can understand it clearly? YES NO.

Read the story several times in each of the Gospels and in different translations until you know the story and can tell it clearly in ASL. If possible, see these Bible verses in the *ASL Bible. The Bible is presented in ASL by professional Deaf signers.

Can we be sure we have eternal life? (Yes, because of Jesus' resurrection. He died and was raised for us.)

When you think about Jesus' resurrection, do you feel a sense of awe and amazement? YES NO. We must not talk or act silly about the resurrection.

We must ask ourselves some serious questions:

- 1. Do I believe the resurrection is real? YES NO.**
- 2. Do I tell other people about the wonderful news of Jesus' resurrection? YES NO.**

MEMORY VERSE

"So Jesus is the One whom God raised from the dead. And we are all witnesses to this." —Acts 2:32

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PLAN AHEAD

Review the resources page for ideas to make your teaching more effective.

Bring a copy of a **Harmony of the Gospels** to show the class how it is arranged. You may have one in the back of your study Bible, or find one in your church library.

Ask _____ to sign the hymn, “He Lives” (Let’s Sign Hymnal* #142).

EXPLORE THE TEXT (LUKE 24:1-12)

To begin the lesson, place two objects on the table (i.e. an apple and an orange, or a mirror and a comb). Ask each one to write down three words to describe each item. Collect their papers and notice the different ways they answered. Point out that this is why the Gospel writers differ in their stories. They wrote from memory, several years later. The Holy Spirit led them to tell it in their own words.

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

Ask _____ to study Dig Deeper (Jesus’ Tomb) and summarize it for the class.

DIG DEEPER: *Jesus’ Tomb (Luke 24:2)*

Jesus’ tomb was typical of the Jewish religion and customs. Tombs were in caves or carved from rock (Genesis 23:19-20; Mark 5:1-5). The Jews wrapped the body in linen cloth and inserted spices and oils. Nicodemus took seventy-five pounds of spices to prepare Jesus’ body for burial (John 19:39).

The entrance to a tomb was usually closed with some kind of material. Pilate ordered a large stone to cover the entrance. A smooth surface was prepared to make it easier to roll the stone into place.

This is only one of many times in the New Testament that women were involved in the activities of the followers of Jesus and the church as it developed.

2. The Angels Explain (Luke 24:4-8)

Refer to the discussion of the ministry of angels in the first lesson in this quarterly.

Were the women doubters or seekers? Did they not believe Jesus, or did they just not understand? Encourage discussion of acting in faith when we do not understand fully.

3. The Apostles Are Amazed (Luke 24:9-12)

Ask _____ to study Scripture Search (The Women at the Tomb) and summarize it for the class.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH: *The Women at the Tomb (Luke 24:1)*

Neither Matthew, Mark, nor Luke were present at the tomb. John was there. Their stories of who was present at any one time do not always agree. Luke did not name the women in verse 1, but he listed them in verse 10. They are also listed in the other Gospels. Matthew lists Mary Magdalene and another woman named Mary (Matthew 28:1). Mark lists Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome (Mark 16:1). John lists only Mary Magdalene (John 20:1). Joanna is identified in Luke 8:3 as the wife of the manager of Herod's household. Salome was possibly the mother of James and John (Mark 16:1; Matthew 27:56).

IN MY CONTEXT

Use the questions at the end of the pupil material to generate discussion of the need to express our faith in the **resurrection**. Without the resurrection, the gospel story is just another good story.