

Luke 24: 1-12 & 36-49 (New International Version)

¹On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" ⁶He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷"The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again." ⁸Then they remembered his words.

⁹When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹²Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

Vs. 13-35 follow--about 2 disciples on the road to Emmaus and their encounter with the risen Lord.

³⁶While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

⁴⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate it in their presence. ⁴⁴He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Luke's gospel concludes with 24:50-53 about the ascension of Jesus, and the joy of the disciples.

OASIS: The Resurrection Reality, Luke 24: 1-12 and 36-49

Possible starter question: Have you ever had anything happen to you, that it seemed “too good to be true?” Anything come to mind that you’d be willing to share? How did you feel?

Transitional comment: In some ways, Jesus’ crucifixion was the disciples’ worst nightmare. Now, let’s see what happens when reality exceeds their wildest dreams.

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to lead your study (if you haven’t already prayed)

Read and Overview observations:

- Let’s listen as someone reads the first segment and another reads the second.
- Now take several minutes by yourself to study this passage. What surprises occur and what do you notice about people’s reactions and responses?

First section (vs. 1-12):

- O v. 1 Let’s look at the context. When and what are the women doing?
- O vs. 2-4 When they get to the tomb, what do they find--and not find? How do they respond?
- O vs. 4-8 Who do they meet? What do they learn and what do they recall?
 - I What sort of mixed thoughts and feelings can you imagine the women had?
- O vs. 9-12 What reactions do the apostles and others have to their report?

(n.b. Luke provides us with the names of some of the women probably to substantiate their role as credible witnesses.)

A Luke has exposed us to diverse people who have varied responses, experiences and reports surrounding the empty tomb. With which of these people do you most easily identify and why?

Second section (v. 36-49): (we are skipping over the Emmaus road encounter for time reasons)

- O vs. 36-39 As the apostles and other disciples (including the women) are debriefing the news of the two disciples’ encounter with Jesus on the Emmaus road, Jesus visits them. In what ways does Jesus address their concerns?
- O vs. 40-44 What more evidence does Jesus provide them? How do they respond?
 - I What do you think it means in vs. 41 that “they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement”?
 - A To what degree can you imagine that happening to you?

I v. 44 What is the significance of Jesus’ statement?

- O vs. 45-46 What are the primary insights from the Scriptures that Jesus wants to make sure these disciples understand?
- O v. 48 For what reasons is it important that they understand?
- O v. 49. What directive and expectations does Jesus give to them?

Summary/Conclusion:

A Any of the feelings and doubts in this passage that you related to in your life?

A What kinds of evidence, testimony, and insight from today's passages are most needed by you?

Prayer together: for one another individually and collectively, that you might live in the light and power of the risen Lord Jesus.

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- a. BIG idea: As startling as the resurrection is to understand, the gift of the evidence and God's power allows us to live with Jesus as our Savior and Lord.
- b. Key verse/idea: the "risen Lord" redefines our lives an reality, vs. 45-49
- c. KEY: O = Observation; I = Interpretation; A = Application (or C = Challenge).

Advice to study leaders:

- d. Complement your OIA questions with "process questions" (what else? what more? What do others of you see/think?).
- e. Determine the core questions you'll ask (know which ones to skip if pressed for time).
- f. Always reword questions in words are comfortable for you (and, if the question doesn't make sense to you, then discard it.)
- g. When you ask questions, give people ample time to think and respond. How long do you wait? Take your time; don't rush people but encourage their participation. And avoid answering your own questions!
- h. Timing/pacing: allocate your time and move forward gently, with a steady pace.
- i. Application: Pace the study to conclude with "difference making" application.
- j. Secondary texts—use other texts very sparingly, even if they are relevant. Otherwise, other texts will push you more into the "teacher role," rather than that of facilitator. It also can cause some people to feel distracted or de-powered.
- k. If you are utilizing this "on-line" study and not part of the OASIS course, I recommend that you get the 1-volume commentary entitled New Bible Commentary, Revised (21st Century Edition, IVP). It is well worth the \$40.