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Luke 24:1-12

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1 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb.

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“The women were not expecting to find Jesus risen from the dead; their only plan was to finish anointing His body for burial.”

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Luke 24:2-3

2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,**3** but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

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“A tomb’s entrance was ordinarily closed to keep vandals and animals from disturbing the bodies. This stone, however, had been sealed by Roman authority for a different reason.”

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Matthew 27:62-66

62 The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. **63** “Sir,” they said, “we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ **64** So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day.

Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first.” 65 “Take a guard,” Pilate answered. “Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how.” 66 So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard.

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Luke 24:4-8

4 While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. **5** In 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?”

6 He 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 over to the hands of
sinners, be crucified and on the
third day be raised again.’ ” **8** Then
they remembered his words.

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Luke 9:22, 44

22 And he said, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.”

44 “Listen carefully to what I am about to tell you: The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men.”

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Luke 18:31-34

31 Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, “We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled.

32 He will be delivered over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him and spit on him; **33** they will flog him and kill him. On the third day he will rise again.” **34** The disciples did not understand any of this. Its meaning was hidden from them, and they did not know what he was talking about.

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Luke 24:9-11

9 When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. **10** It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. **11** But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.

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“The disciples unbelief may have been partly due to a first-century view of woman, but relates primarily to the strangeness of the report. In Jewish understanding the resurrection of the dead occurred not within history, but at the end of time.”

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Background Commentary**

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12 Peter, 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.

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“The empty tomb raises initial questions that the apostle senses means that something unusual is going on and that God is in it.

He may not understand fully, but Peter has learned that Jesus says what He means.”

Darrell Bock

Applications

“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!”

Final Thoughts

“The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the central fact of Christian history. On it, the church is built; without it, there would be no Christian church today. Jesus’ resurrection is unique.

Other religions have strong ethical systems, concepts about paradise and afterlife, and various holy scriptures. Only Christianity has a God who became human, literally died for His people, and was raised again in power and glory to rule His church forever.”

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Final Thoughts

“Christianity rests on the certainty of Jesus’ resurrection. The Gospels have it as their goal, with the empty tomb and resurrection appearances, and Acts insists on it. Paul regarded the Resurrection as indisputable truth that the message about Jesus as Judge and Savior is true.

Jesus's resurrection demonstrated His victory over death, vindicated Him as righteous, and indicated His divine identity... It guarantees the believer's present forgiveness and justification, and is the hope of eternal life in Christ for the believer."

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Final Thoughts

1 Corinthians 15:3-8

3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance : that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, **4** that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

5 and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. **6** After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. **7** Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, **8** and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

Final Thoughts

1 Corinthians 15:13-19

13 If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.

14 And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

15 More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised.

16 For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. **17** And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. **18** Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. **19** If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

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1 Corinthians 15:20-24

20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. **21** For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.

22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. **23** But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. **24** Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.

Final Thoughts

2 Corinthians 5:17

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!