

I. Return - Luke 24:1-5a

1. The women (**verse 1**)
 - A. Go to the tomb
 - B. To bring spices

Rea -not just trailing the procession

 - C. Early in the morning
 - D. On the “first” day - Sunday - not Sabbath

Rea -early believers began to call it the “Lord’s Day”

Rea -the eighth day - a day of new beginning - 8 is the Biblical number of new beginnings. Circumcised on the 8th/ 8 people on the ark/ 8 would mark a new week.
 2. They came out of love for Jesus

Rea -anointing the body was considered “women’s work”

Rea -the men may have been afraid... or have assumed that Jesus was dead
 3. They faced the issue of the “stone” needing to be rolled back (**verse 2**) - but found it already rolled

-compare Mt. 28:2
 4. They did not find the body (**verse 3**)
 5. An appearance of “two men” (**verse 4**)
 - clothed in lightning
 - “suddenly”
 - “gleamed”
 6. Peter, James and John had seen Jesus in this same appearance - Luke 9:29
 7. They were afraid (**verse 5**)

-they bow to the ground
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
1. For a good explanation of “resurrection” see 1 Corinthians 15
 2. Devotion leads us in the “way” of God

-love does not stop when someone dies - sometimes love even grows
 3. At death, we all want to “do something” but there is often very little we can do
 4. At this point the women were front and center - but up to this point the apostles have been the focus - interesting/ discuss

II. Remember - Luke 24:5b-7

1. They are confronted with looking for the living among the dead (**verse 5b**)

Rea -they are confronted with their actions - and these angels tell them He is alive - we act out of what we truly believe
2. He is not here - He is risen (**verse 6**)

-He told you that He would rise in Galilee
- Rea 3. Discuss why these women may not have remembered what Jesus had foretold
4. **Verse 7** recounts what Jesus had said
 - A. “Must” be delivered
 - B. Be crucified
 - C. Be raised on the third day

- Rea 5. The book of Mark recounts how Jesus had predicted this over and again
 -Mark 8:31
 -Mark 9:30-32
 -Mark 10:33-34

Rea **Ideas and Questions:**

1. Discuss how grief changes our thinking and outlook
2. If you had heard Jesus predict that He would be raised, and then you had seen Him crucified, what would you be thinking?
3. The women are confronted with these messengers - God is making sure they understand what is happening - God could've just let them find out for themselves - these angels were God's provision for their need
4. People are very often slow to believe spiritual things... we "come to faith" - why is that?

III. Report - Luke 24:8-12

1. They remembered His words (**verse 8**)
 Rea -not the words of the Old Testament but the words of Jesus Himself. So the words of prophecy about His resurrection were not just for the Apostles, but for everyone.
2. Told the eleven (**verse 9**) - and all the others
 Rea -the eleven are the apostles
 -the "others" are all the other disciples
3. They were not readily received - see **verse 11**
4. These early witnesses were listed in **verse 10**
 -Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James
 -Salome is listed in the book of Mark as being part of this group (Mark 16:1)
5. Discuss why the report of these women was not quickly received - seemed like nonsense - grief-stricken
6. Peter runs to the tomb (**verse 12**)
 Rea -John also went - see the book of John's telling of this discovery
7. They do not find the body, but they do find "linen strips"
 -compare the lying of the strips at John 20:5-7
8. He wondered what had happened
 Rea -still unable to believe
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
 1. It takes a while for some things to "dawn" on us - good analogy of our thought process - "dawn"
 2. When you witness do people just jump on it?
 3. The fact that the disciples did not believe is evidence that He did rise - they had to be convinced - children believe these things quicker than adults. Discuss why that is.
 4. The fact of the resurrection is a key doctrine... discuss why this is so
 5. At 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 Paul gives a list of the "witnesses"
 6. In a court of law, a "witness" is the strongest evidence that someone committed a crime