

Do you remember the words of Jesus?

Luke 9:21-22 And He strictly warned and commanded them to tell this to no one, 22 saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day." (NKJ)

Why not tell no one?

Mark 1:45 However, he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the matter, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter the city, but was outside in deserted places; and they came to Him from every direction. (NKJ)

This man was healed of leprosy.

In this man's exuberance over the miracle, he disobeyed; as a result, Christ had to move His ministry away from the city and into the desert region.

Luke 9:43-45 And they were all amazed at the majesty of God. But while everyone marveled at all the things which Jesus did, He said to His disciples, 44 "Let these words sink down into your ears, for the Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men." 45 But they did not understand this saying, and it was hidden from them so that they did not perceive it; and they were afraid to ask Him about this saying. (NKJ)

Luke 18:31-33 Then He took the twelve aside and said to them, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be Accomplished. 32 For He will be delivered to the Gentiles and will be mocked and insulted and spit upon. 33 They will scourge Him and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again." (NKJ)

Did Jesus rise again?

1) The Women were not expecting to find Jesus risen from the dead.

Luke 24:1 Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, I'll and certain other Women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. (NKJ)

Notice their only plan was to finish anointing His body for burial.

Mark 16:1 Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. (NKJ)

2) The stone was rolled away.

Luke 24:2 But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. (NKJ)
Who moved the stone?

Matthew 28:2-4 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone from the door and sat on it. 3 His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. 4 And the guards shook for fear of him and became like dead men. (NKJ)

However, He was all alone on the cross.

Matthew 28:6 He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. (NKJ)

It's Friday!) but Sunday is coming.

3) They went in the tomb.

Luke 24:3,5 Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? (NKJ)

Luke does not immediately identify the two figures at the tomb as angels, but the women recognized them as such.

Luke 24:23 When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. (NKJ)

4) We must remember what Jesus said.

Luke 24:6-8 He is not here but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, 7 saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.' " 8 And they remembered His words. (NKJ)

Christ's resurrection vindicates His words in John 2:19-22 Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." 2 Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" 21 But He was speaking of the temple of His body. 22 Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said. (NKJ)

As God's foremost Prophet, Jesus predicted His own death (destroy this temple) And the precise timing of his resurrection (in three days).

The disciples believed, not because of the miracles but because of the Scripture and Jesus' words. It is far better to place one's faith in God's Word than in signs and wonders. So, we must remember what Jesus says and follow Him.

Luke 24:9-2 Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. 10 J was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles. "And their words seemed to them like lidle tales, and they did not believe them. 12 But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened. (NKJ)