

WHY SEEK YE THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD?



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Luke 24:1-8

Introduction:

The Questions of Angels: *“While they often declare God's commands, they occasionally ask questions, usually to seek clarification on divine plans, express wonder, or engage with humans, highlighting their distinct role as ministering agents.”*

1. The Resurrection proved He was who He claimed to be.
2. Also proved that his sacrifice for sin had been accepted.
3. That the work of salvation was complete!

Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can. (V. 66) So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch. Matthew 27:65-66

I. The mission of respect. (V. 1-3)

- A. They came to the tomb for the work of an anointing.

Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. (V. 2) And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. Luke 24:1-2

At a funeral a mother was told “that’s just your baby’s body she is not their any more.” Mother: “but you don’t understand I washed those little toes, those little hands use to reach out to me, I use to kiss that little face!”

Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment. John 12:3

- B. They came to the tomb for the work of admiration.

And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. Luke 24:3

“They came to honor the person by honoring the body. A respect, a reverence, an act of love to find a sense of closure. To find some sense of finality to what had transpired!”

II. The miracle of the resurrection. (V. 4-6a)

- A. They were confronted by heavenly messengers.

And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: (V. 5) And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? Luke 24:4-5

[For a horrible ache, we need a heavenly comforter!]

And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. (V. 3) His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: (V. 4) And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. Matthew 28:2-4

B. They were counseled by heavenly messengers.

He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, Luke 24:6

And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. (V. 6) He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. Matthew 28:5-6

III. The memory that was rehearsed. (V. 6b-8)

A. They were reminded of the necessity of His reviling.

Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. Luke 24:7

For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: (V. 6) Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. Romans 6:5-6

B. They were reminded of the certainty of His resurrection. (V. 7a-8)

... and the third day rise again. (V.8) And they remembered his words, (V. 9) And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest. Luke 24:7-9

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

“Why Is The Resurrection So Important!”

And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. 1 Corinthians 15:17

The transformation that the resurrection brought about in the disciples!

- ◆ New power
- ◆ New courage
- ◆ New perspective
- ◆ Faithful to death

Peter the denier became Peter the flaming evangelist.