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## Resurrection Sunday

Luke 24:1-12

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### Using This Study

#### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

#### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

#### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



Today we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. There are many people that have sought to disprove the evidence that we have for the empty tomb, and proof that Jesus overcame death and rose from the dead. As we look at the scripture today, we will see some of the eyewitness accounts from the disciples of the resurrection of Jesus. It is clear to us, even now 2000 years later, that the evidence overwhelmingly points to Jesus rising from the dead. The next question you have to answer is what does that mean for you?



## Read Luke 24:1-12 (NET)

<sup>1</sup>Now on the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women went to the tomb, taking the aromatic spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men stood beside them in dazzling attire. <sup>5</sup>The women were terribly frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup>He is not here, but has been raised! Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be

delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup>Then the women remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and when they returned from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But these words seemed like pure nonsense to them, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter got up and ran to the tomb. He bent down and saw only the strips of linen cloth; then he went home, wondering what had happened.

## **EXAMINE His Word (Observation)** (For personal preparation)

**What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passages.**

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?

5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

**🕒 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)** (For Community Group discussion)  
**What does God MEAN?**

8. In verse 1, why did the women return to the tomb?

9. Would the disciples have motive to steal the body? Why or why not?

10. Would the Jews have motive to steal the body? Why or why not?

11. Would the Romans have motive to steal the body? Why or why not?

12. After Jesus' resurrection over 500 people saw him alive (1 Cor. 15:3-8). What are some ways that skeptics try to account for the eyewitness testimonies? How should we answer them?

13. Other theories that skeptics try to use to discount the resurrection include the swoon theory (that Jesus never really died), lookalike theory (that there was someone else that pretended to be the resurrected Jesus), the theory that the disciples made it all up, and hallucination among the disciples. Discuss the many areas where these theories fall short.

③ **EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)

**Why does this MATTER to me?**

14. If the resurrection is true, what importance does this have on Christianity?

15. How does the truth of the resurrection change the way you live during the week, outside of church? How does it change your purpose?

**Summarize your thoughts on the passage**

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

**SERMON NOTES**