

THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

“For the word of God is living and powerful,
and sharper than any two-edged sword,
piercing even to the division of soul and spirit,
and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner
of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

(Hebrews 4:12)

“HE IS RISEN!”

(Luke 24:1–12)

- 1** Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared.
- 2** But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb.
- 3** 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.

“HE IS RISEN!”

(Luke 24:1–12)

5 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?

6 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.

“HE IS RISEN!”

(Luke 24:1–12)

9 Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.

10 It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles.

11 And their words seemed to them like idle 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, marvelling to himself at what had happened.

“HE IS RISEN!”

(Luke 24:1–12)

1. Confusion of the Women *(vv 2–5)*

²But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. ³Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this ... ⁵Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead?

“perplexed ... afraid” – “at complete loss ... terrified”

Who/What/Where do you look to in your confusion?

“HE IS RISEN!”

(Luke 24:1–12)

2. Confidence of the Women *(vv 6–8)*

6“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.

“remember”

“call to mind, actively or intentionally remember”

Remember to Remember!

“HE IS RISEN!”

(Luke 24:1–12)

3. Commission to the Women *(vv 9,11)*

⁹Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest... ¹¹ And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them.

“idle tales” – “folly, nonsense”

From Mourners to Missionaries!

“HE IS RISEN!”

(Luke 24:1–12)

3. Commission to the Women *(vv 9,11)*

“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defence to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.”

(1 Peter 3:15)

“HE IS RISEN!”

(Luke 24:1–12)

From Confusion ...

to Confidence ...

to Commission!

*“That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection,
and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,
if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.”*

(Philippians 3:10,11)

“HE IS RISEN!”

(Luke 24:1–12)

The Resurrection: The Crux of Christianity

“For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.”

(1 Corinthians 15:16-19)

*Disprove the Resurrection ...
Destroy the Bedrock of Christianity!*