

Luke 23

But on the
First Day of
the Week...

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Sunday,
June 28

But on the _____ day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the _____ rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. (Luke 24:1-3)

While these women were perplexed about finding Jesus' tomb empty, "two men stood by them in _____ apparel" and asked, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has _____" (24:4-6). When they told the eleven apostles what they had seen and heard, "these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not _____ them" (24:11).



That very day, two disciples were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles west of Jerusalem and had an extraordinary encounter with the risen Son of God (24:13-35). Listen to how Jesus described what had happened in Jerusalem and why:

"O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the _____ have spoken! Was it not _____ that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning _____. (24:25-27)

When they returned to Jerusalem and told the eleven and those who had gathered with them what the Lord had said, Jesus himself appeared among them. Listen carefully to what he said:

"These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be _____." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be _____ in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are _____ of these things." (24:44-48)

After telling them to stay in Jerusalem and blessing them, Jesus "parted from them and was carried up into _____" (24:49-53).

One more time, how does Luke 24 help us grow in certainty about Jesus? Let's talk about it...

For Class & Family Discussion:

- ▶ “But on the first day of the week...” (24:1). How has that phrase come to be very precious to disciples of Jesus and even shaped who we are and what we do?
- ▶ Who did these women believe the “two men” who “stood by them in dazzling apparel” (24:4) were? How do we know?
- ▶ “But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them” (24:11). What can we learn from that statement?
- ▶ What did Jesus mean when he said to those two on the road to Emmaus, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken” (24:25)?
- ▶ “And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself” (24:27). What sort of things from the Old Testament might Jesus have brought up and applied to himself?
- ▶ If you experienced what Luke is describing in 24:28-31 or even heard it described firsthand by those who did, what impression would it make on you?
- ▶ “Peace to you!” (24:36). Take a moment to think about what it would mean to hear that phrase from Jesus. How would it have powerfully affected the eleven?
- ▶ What do you think Luke wants us to understand from the details he provides in 24:36-43?
- ▶ How would you summarize the closing verses of Luke’s orderly account (24:44-53)? What does Jesus want his disciples—ancient and modern—to grasp and do? In what way should these words continue to shape our identity, devotion, and mission today?
- ▶ Remember the goal of Luke’s Gospel—“that you may have certainty” (1:4). How does Luke 24 help us grow in certainty about Jesus?