THE EMPTY TOMB

TEXT:  LUKE 24: 1 – 12.


1) VERSE #1 - “First day of the week....” Notice, it was on a Sunday, when Jesus arose. That’s why we go to church to worship on Sunday. Each Sunday we attend church, we are celebrating the day He arose, whether we realize it or not.

2) VERSE #2 – “And they found the stone rolled away...”: Something unusual, out of the ordinary happened. How did the stone get moved?

3) VERSE #3 – The women “entered in and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.” What crossed their minds? Perhaps, they wondered where He was? What happened?

NOTE: Will the unsaved world be shocked when they find our graves opened and empty? (II Thess. 4:16-18)

4) VERSE #4 – The women were “perplexed”. The Bible says “behold, two men stood by them in shining garments.” (They were angels!)
5) VERSE #5 – The women were afraid. The two angels asked them a question, “Why seek the living among the dead?”

6) VERSE #6 – The angels explain, “He is not here, but is risen.” “Remember how He spake unto you when He was yet in Galilee?”

NOTE: Here are some scripture references that Jesus gave to prophetically prepare His disciples and other followers that He would die and rise again to life.

Matthew 16:21 / Matthew 26:32 / Mark 9:9 / John 2:19

It should have been no surprise and yet it was. WHY? Because the disciples and other followers were not listening with their “spiritual ears”. Aren’t people like that today, regarding the Rapture and His Second Coming? Sure, they are!

7) VERSE #7 – The angels explain. Some of the prophecies Jesus had predicted prior to His death and resurrection.

8) VERSE #8 – “…they (the women) remembered His words.” Well, a spiritual light (you could say) came on inside of those women’s hearts and minds.

9) VERSE #9 - They told all. Are you sharing the good news? What a
miracle that HE IS RISEN from the dead! That is something to shout about!

10) ALL WOMEN. Why did God allow the women to be the first? Well, generally speaking, women give more details than men, and women like to share and talk.

11) Unbelief. The disciples were in doubt and unbelief. (see: Ro. 14:23) This must have confused and grieved the excited women. Haven’t you been excited over something Jesus did or a breakthrough or answer to prayer? Then, someone else disregarded it or took it too lightly.

12) Peter ran. Notice the KJV descriptive words used to tell of Peter’s reaction. He “ran”, “stopping”, “beheld”, “departed”, “wondering”. Peter saw for himself. (See: John 20: 30 & 31. Also: John 21:25, both times explain how Jesus did many more things that were not recorded). So why would His resurrection be a surprise when He foretold it and His own very ministry was full of miracles and supernatural events? Today, people are just the same. It’s easier to doubt than believe. We have to “feed” our faith (Ro. 10:17) and starve out doubts! It takes discipline and desire to walk by faith. (II Cor. 5:7)

Will YOU believe Jesus is who He says He is? Will YOU accept Him? Will YOU (as a christian), live for Him as never before? Just as His prediction of His death and resurrection came true, His next coming will also come true. BE READY. BE WAITING. BE WATCHING.