



Today's Message

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Title: ***“He is Not Here, But Has Risen”***

Text: Luke 24:1–12 (ESV)

¹ But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵ And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead?” ⁶ He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” ⁸ And they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹ but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

Introduction: Luke's account of Jesus' Passion Week has ended. Jesus was laid in a tomb. The hopes of his disciples were crushed. The ever-faithful women who followed him set out to finish the grim task of finishing the burial preparations hastily done on Friday evening. What they found at the tomb in the early morning twilight would change everything.

I. The women were first to the tomb early Sunday morning.

- A. They did not find what they expected. 1-3
 - 1. They expected to find Jesus' corpse. 1
 - 2. Instead, they found the tomb open and the body gone. 2-3

- B. They were perplexed, but God sent messengers. 4-7
 - 1. The angels rebuked their unbelief. 4-5
 - 2. The angels announced Jesus' resurrection. 6a
 - 3. The angels reminded them of Jesus' words. 6b-7

- C. They responded to the message . . . 8-10
 - 1. by remembering Jesus's words. 8a
 - 2. and reporting all they had seen and heard. 8b-10

- D. They met a mixed response. 11-12
 - 1. Most responded with disbelief. 11
 - 2. But in some, hope began to dawn. 12

II. The women teach us this truth: We believe that Christ is risen because we trust the promises of God. Cf. v. 7