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## The First Easter

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(taken from the New International Version)

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## Luke 23:50-56

<sup>50</sup>Now there was a man named Joseph, a member of the Council, a good and upright man, <sup>51</sup>who had not consented to their decision and action. He came from the Judean town of Arimathea, and he himself was waiting for the kingdom of God.

<sup>52</sup>Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body. <sup>53</sup>Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen cloth and placed it in a tomb cut in the rock, one in which no one had yet been laid. <sup>54</sup>It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was about to begin. <sup>55</sup>The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it. <sup>56</sup>Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment.

The Gospel of  
**LUKE**

The Glory of The Cross  
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*"The First Easter!"*  
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# An act of obedient mourning

## Luke 24:1

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## John 19:38-42

<sup>38</sup>Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus.

Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. <sup>39</sup>He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds.

<sup>40</sup>Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. <sup>41</sup>At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. <sup>42</sup>Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

# What is going on here?

## Luke 24:2-3

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<sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

As we consider the state of the Galilean women, we must not let our knowledge of the glorious revelation that awaited them dull us to the dark sackcloth covering these women's souls. They were depressed, exhausted, mourning, with no hope whatsoever – and according to Mark, fretting over how they would get into the tomb (16:3). They did not expect anything except more sorrow. If you take flowers to the cemetery, do you expect to see an empty grave? And if you did see one, would it occur to you that the deceased had risen from the dead? Of course not!

~ R. Kent Hughes, *Luke: That You May Know the Truth*, Preaching the Word, p. 399.

# Touched by ~~an~~ two angels

## *A glorious entrance*

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## *Typical human response*

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*The long awaited response (#bigtimesarcasm)*

## Luke 24:5b

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Top Ten rejected angel phrases to tell the women about the resurrected Jesus



“Where ya been?!?!  
The party was earlier this morning!”



**DUDE**  
Where's my **Christ?**

COUNTY IMPOUND  
**TOW**

YOU WILL BE  
PROSECUTED

The image features a dense, colorful crowd of stylized human figures, each with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or celebration. The figures are rendered in a variety of colors including red, green, blue, yellow, and brown. In the center-right of the image, there is a large black circle with a white, dashed border. Inside this circle, the text "WHERE'S JESUS?" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font, slanted upwards from left to right.

**WHERE'S  
JESUS?**

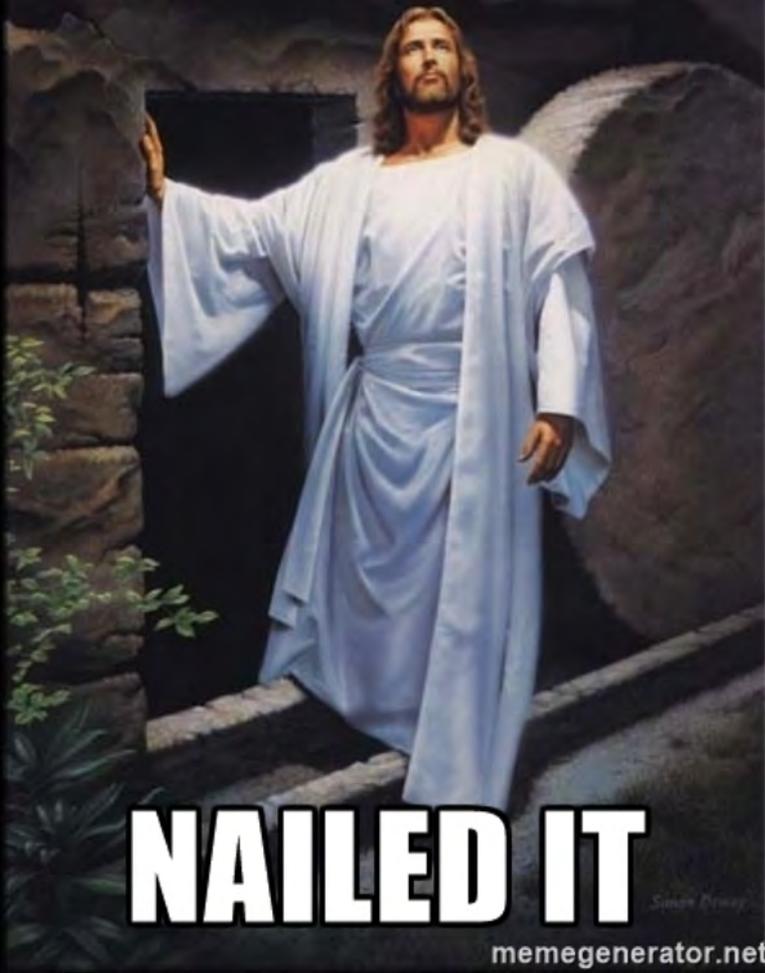


What if I told you

You're gonna need spices way  
before he does!



**RESURRECTION?**



**NAILED IT**



#JustKidding





“Frightened?  
Stop mourning  
for a dead Christ  
or I’ll give you  
something to be  
frightened  
about!”

A black, flexible wristband is shown against a white background. The wristband is curved, and the text "W.W.J.D." is printed in a bold, white, sans-serif font across its center. The letters are spaced out, with periods following each letter.

W.W.J.D.

“Where Would Jesus  
Disappear [to]?”

“Spices?  
Are you cooking  
something, cause  
there ain't no  
dead body in this  
tomb!!”



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## *The explanation*

### **Luke 24:6a**

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## *The “reminder”*

### **Luke 24:6b-7**

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## Luke 9:18-20

<sup>18</sup>Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, “Who do the crowds say I am?”

<sup>19</sup>They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life.”

<sup>20</sup>“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”  
Peter answered, “God’s Messiah.”

## Luke 9:21-22

<sup>21</sup>Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone. <sup>22</sup>And he said, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elder, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.”

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## *They “remember” his words*

### **Luke 24:8**

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## Luke 22:24-25, 31-34

<sup>24</sup>A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. <sup>26</sup>But you are not to be like that...

## Luke 22:24-25, 31-34

<sup>31</sup>“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat.

<sup>32</sup>But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

<sup>33</sup>But he replied, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death.”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, “I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me.”



A man with long hair, wearing a dark, heavy robe, is kneeling on the ground in a forest. He is looking upwards with his hands clasped in prayer. The scene is dimly lit, with light filtering through the trees, creating a somber and contemplative atmosphere. The background shows a large, rounded rock on the left and more trees and foliage on the right.

FATHER, IF YOU  
ARE WILLING,  
TAKE THIS CUP  
FROM ME;

YET NOT MY  
WILL, BUT YOURS  
BE DONE."

## Luke 22:59-62

<sup>59</sup>About an hour later another asserted, “Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean.”

<sup>60</sup>Peter replied, “Man, I don’t know what you’re talking about!” Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. <sup>61</sup>The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times.” <sup>62</sup>And he went outside and wept bitterly.

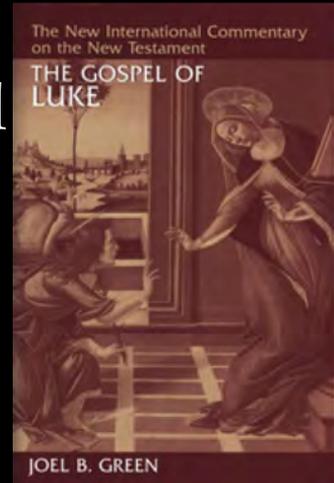
The response of the women to the angelic message is reminiscent of Peter's response in 22:61:

“Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord ...”

“Then they remembered his words....”

In both cases Jesus' prophecy is the content of the memory, and in both cases “to remember” consists of more than cognitive evocation. “To remember” includes as well the nuance of understanding or insight, and is the threshold of response apropos what is recalled.

~ Joel B. Green, *The Gospel of Luke*, The New International Commentary on the New Testament (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1997), 838.



# The doubting disciples

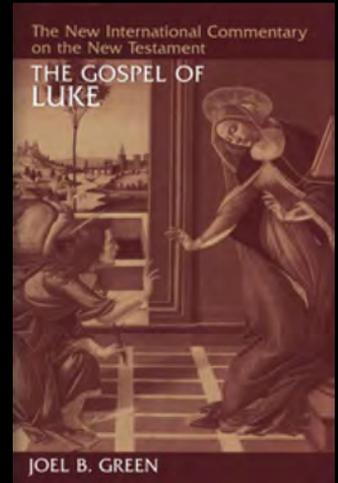
## *The Eleven*

**Luke 24:9-11**

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λῆρος, used only here in the NT. Although this noun belongs to the technical vocabulary of medicine where it denotes the delirium caused by high fever, Spicq (*TLNT*, 2:387)

~ Joel B. Green, *The Gospel of Luke*, The New International Commentary on the New Testament (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1997), 839.



# The doubting disciples

## *The Denier*

### **Luke 24:12**

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## John 20:3-10

<sup>3</sup>So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. <sup>4</sup>Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, <sup>7</sup>as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. <sup>8</sup>Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. <sup>9</sup>(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.



# Big Question:

*What is the theological importance of the resurrection of Jesus*

# 1. Proves Jesus is the Christ

## Acts 3:15-18

<sup>15</sup>You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. <sup>16</sup>By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see. <sup>17</sup>“Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. <sup>18</sup>But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer.

## 2. Proves Good Friday actually worked

### 1 Corinthians 15:3-8

<sup>3</sup>For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. <sup>6</sup>After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, <sup>8</sup>and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

# 3. Christianity falls apart without it

## 1 Corinthians 15:12-19

<sup>12</sup>But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. <sup>15</sup>More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. <sup>17</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. <sup>19</sup>If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

# 4. Jesus is the very first “new creation”

## 1 Corinthians 15:20

<sup>20</sup> But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead,  
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

# 5. We have hope for our new creation

## 1 Corinthians 15:23

<sup>23</sup> But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits;  
then, when he comes, those who belong to him.

## 6. Shows clearly God as Victor over sin, death, evil, the curse and the devil

### 1 Corinthians 15:54-57

<sup>54</sup> When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” <sup>55</sup> “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” <sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

# 7. Validates our living for him today

## 1 Corinthians 15:58

<sup>58</sup>Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

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of the Risen Christ?**