Luke 24:1-12 **Easter Sunday** March 31, 2024

It Seemed Like Nonsense!

The Resurrection Story

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⁹When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹²Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened." - Luke 24:1-12

If I Had Written This Part of the Bible

- 1. I would have had Jesus make a spectacular appearance.
- 2. I would have had all Jesus' enemies bow to Him.
- 3. I would have clearly written His prediction of the resurrection.

"Remember how He told you, while He was still with you in Galilee: 7'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again." 8Then they remembered His words." - Luke 24:6-8

Some Truisms About Human Nature

- People tend to see what they want to see.
- The power of suggestion is tremendous.
- When you see something you don't expect to see, it has a greater impact on you!

"He will be handed over to the Gentiles. They will mock Him, insult Him, spit on Him, flog Him and kill Him. ³³On the third day He will rise again." ³⁴The disciples did not understand any of this. Its meaning was hidden from them, and they did not know what He was talking about." - Luke 18:32-34

A Few Thoughts About Those Who Went to the Tomb

Note that all three groups/people went in unbelief!

A. The women were not expecting a risen Christ.

1. They left early in the morning on the first day of the week.

"On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb." - Luke 24:1

2. They took spices with them.

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"...brought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body." - Mark 16:1

3. They were only looking for Jesus' body.

"They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus." - Luke 24:2.3

4. They were wondering about this.

"While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them." - Luke 24:4

"Woman," Jesus said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking He was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have put Him, and I will get Him." - John 20:15

B. The Disciples were not expecting anything.

1. They thought the women's report was nonsense.

"But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense." - Luke 24:11

2. They (except Peter & John) didn't even go to the tomb.

"Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb."

- Luke 24:12

C. Simon Peter didn't know what to expect.

"...he went away, wondering to himself what had happened." - Luke 24:12

"So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. ⁸Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)" - John 20:3-9

What Do We Learn?

- When you see something you don't expect, it can have a tremendous personal impact on you.
- When you see something you don't expect, it can have more validity to it.
- Just because you don't believe something, doesn't make it untrue.
- If Jesus did rise from the dead, He is our Messiah, our God, and to reject Him would be absolutely foolish.

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