

First Words

The Observations

A. The body of Jesus is buried in a tomb by Joseph of Arimathea

Luke 23:46, 50–53 - Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” And having said this he breathed his last....⁵⁰ Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man,⁵¹ who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God.⁵² This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.⁵³ Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid.

B. The body of Jesus is observed by the women of Galilee

Luke 23:54–24:1 - It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning.⁵⁵ The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid.⁵⁶ Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.¹ But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared.

C. The body of Jesus is missing from the tomb

Luke 24:2–3 - 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.

The Declarations

Sunday Morning

A. The testimony of the two angels at the empty tomb

Luke 24:3–8 - 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...

B. The testimony of the women from the empty tomb

Luke 24:9–11 - 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.

C. The testimony of the empty tomb itself

Luke 24:12 - 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.

Sunday Afternoon

D. The testimony from the two disciples on the road to Emmaus

Luke 24:13–16 - That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened.¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them.¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

Luke 24:31–33, 35 - *And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” ³³ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together....³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.*

E. The testimony of Simon Peter

Luke 24:34 - *Saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!”*

Sunday Night

F. The testimony of Jesus Christ the risen Lord

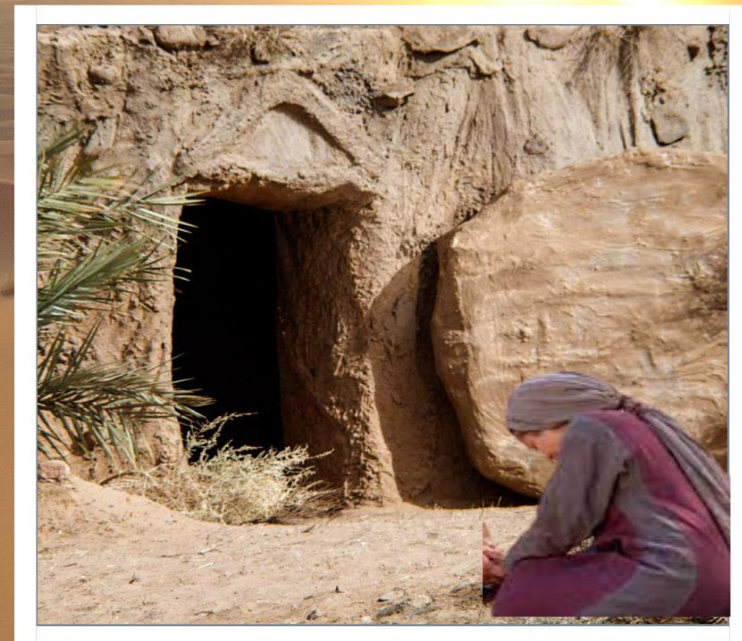
1. Through His physical appearance - **Luke 24:36–37** - *As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” ³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit.*

2. Through His hands and feet - **Luke 24:38–40** - *And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.*

3. Through getting something to eat – **Luke 24:41–43** - *And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate before them.*

4. Through fulfilling the Scriptures convincingly - **Luke 24:44–45** - *Then he said to them, “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 fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. – Acts 1:3*

At the Feet of **J E S U S** AT THE EMPTY TOMB



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