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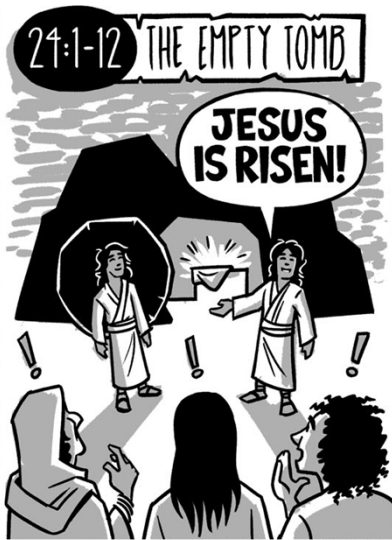
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# HE HAS RISEN!

*THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST*

**Luke 23:50 – 24:12**

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## The Burial of Jesus

Luke 23:50-56

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## The Resurrection of Jesus

Luke 24:1-12

<sup>1</sup>On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came to the tomb, bringing the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They went in but did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men stood by them in dazzling clothes. <sup>5</sup>So the women were terrified and bowed down to the ground.

“Why are you looking for the living among the dead?” asked the men. <sup>6</sup>“He is not here, but he has risen! Remember how he spoke to you when he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>saying, ‘It is necessary that the Son of Man be betrayed into the hands of sinful men, be crucified, and rise on the third day?’” <sup>8</sup>And they remembered his words.

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<sup>9</sup>Returning from the tomb, they reported all these things to the Eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them were telling the apostles these things. <sup>11</sup>But these words seemed like nonsense to them, and they did not believe the women. <sup>12</sup>Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. When he stooped to look in, he saw only the linen cloths. So he went away, amazed at what had happened.

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## SECRET DISCIPLE

- Not every Jewish leader wanted to kill Jesus, some believed in Him like Joseph.
  - ❖ Joseph was a disciple of Jesus in secret, because he was afraid of the Jews (John 19:38).
  - ❖ He rejected the deal with Judas and opposed their plan to arrest Jesus.
  - ❖ He must have been absent during the trial, because Mark 14:64 indicates the verdict was unanimous.

## OBEDIENT JEW

- As a member of the Sanhedrin, Joseph knew what the Law required:
  - ❖ **Deut. 21:22-23 (CSB):** *<sup>22</sup>"If anyone is found guilty of an offense deserving the death penalty and is executed, and you hang his body on a tree, <sup>23</sup>you are not to leave his corpse on the tree overnight but are to bury him that day, for anyone hung on a tree is under God's curse. You must not defile the land the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance.*
- Joseph wanted to be obedient to the Law and provide Jesus with a proper and honorable burial.

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## COMPASSIONATE FRIEND

- **Joseph, with help from Nicodemus, prepared Jesus' body for burial.**
  - ❖ They anointed Jesus' body with about **75 pounds of spices, an amount normally reserved for a king.**
  - ❖ Then they wrapped His body in fine linen and placed it in the tomb before sunset.
  - ❖ The preparation process was common, the amount of spices and the fine linen were not.
- **Compassionately preparing Jesus' body for burial made them ceremonial unclean.**

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## FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS

- **The women had followed Jesus from Galilee and they wanted to show their respect by preparing Jesus' body.**
  - ❖ They watched Joseph and Nicodemus place the body in the tomb and close it with a large stone, but they must not have been close enough to tell how the body had been prepared.
  - ❖ They went home, rested on the Sabbath, bought spices early on Sunday morning according to Mark, and went back to the tomb to anoint the body.

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## RESPECTFUL SERVANTS

- **The women clearly were not anticipating a resurrection.**
  - ❖ After resting on the Sabbath (Saturday) they came back to the tomb very early on Sunday morning.
  - ❖ They brought with them the spices they had prepared for anointing Jesus' body.

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## SHOCKED OBSERVERS

- **They were surprised to find four things that they were not expecting:**
  1. **The tomb was open!**
    - ❖ They had been worrying about who would roll away the stone for them (Mark 16:3).
    - ❖ But an angel had already done it, leaving the soldiers catatonic and in shock (Matthew 28:2).
  2. **Jesus' body was gone!**

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## FRIGHTENING WITNESSES

➤ They were surprised to find three things that they were not expecting:

### 3. Angels inside the tomb!

- ❖ Matthew 28:2-4 mentions one of the Angels rolling back the stone and sitting upon it.
- ❖ Mark 16:5 says another angel sat inside the tomb on the right side when they entered it.
- ❖ Luke says the women were confused or perplexed by what they were seeing.
- ❖ Then suddenly both angels appeared right beside them, frightening them and breaking their stupor.

## ANGELIC HERALDS

- The appearance of angels produces terror in the women, and they bow low to the ground.
- The angels move to where the body had been laying, one at the head and the other at the foot, according to John, and they make the greatest announcement of all time!

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HE HAS RISEN!**

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## HELPFUL REMINDER

- **The women were not expecting to discover that Jesus had been raised and the angels had to remind them of His teaching.**
- **The angles repeated Jesus own words to them (Luke 9:22, 18:32-33), insinuating that that they should not be surprised.**
- **The light bulb comes on when they hear Jesus' words spoken, and they remember!**

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## ECSTATIC JOY

- **Imagine the rush of energy that ran through their body when they realized what had happened!**
  - ❖ Matthew says they departed the tomb immediately and ran to tell the others, with fear and great joy!
  - ❖ Put yourself in that place, at that moment, when the women arrived to tell their story.

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## UNEXPECTED RESPONSE

- **Imagine the women, excited by what they had seen and heard, talking exceptional fast and trying to retell the story.**
  - ❖ Perhaps they were even talking over each other because of their jubilation.
  - ❖ Their audience was grieving and mourning, and they were hardly prepared to hear their stories.
  - ❖ It sounded like foolhardy gibberish to them, so they did not believe.
  - ❖ **Like the women earlier in the day, they were not expecting a resurrection either.**

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## HOPE REBORN!

- **No one believes them at first, except possibly the apostle Peter.**
  - ❖ Peter has learned to believe what Jesus says, even when it goes against his convictions.
  - ❖ His denials have taught him to trust Jesus.
- **Peter and John race to the tomb and find it empty just like the women had said.**
- **The two were amazed by what they saw, and John believed immediately.**

<sup>12</sup>Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. When he stooped to look in, he saw only the linen cloths. **So he went away, amazed at what had happened.**

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## DELIBERATE DISCIPLESHIP

- An act of mourning and respect turns into a world changing event when the devoted women encounter an empty tomb and meet angelic messengers sent to announce the resurrection.
- They can't wait to tell others about their experience; some believe, but most don't. Sadly, the same is true today.
- But the women are undeterred, they have been forever changed by their experience, and they will not be squelched.
- How about you, is your enthusiasm equally contagious?
- Does your testimony compel others to explore the empty tomb?
- Have you shared the resurrection story with anyone lately?
- **He is not here, He has risen!**