

Luke 24:1-11. “Jesus was crucified and is raised” - check it out! 12.04.20

Context

- 1] Women who followed from Galilee (8:2,3) stood at a distance and watched Jesus' crucifixion (49)
- 2] After His death Joseph of Arimathea had asked Pilate for Jesus' body, wrapped it in a linen shroud and placed it in a tomb which had not been used before (23:50-53) (Bodies placed in a tomb were left for a year; then someone entered, gathered up the bones and placed them in a back room)
- 3] The women watched, went away, prepared spices and ointments (23:56a)
- 4] That was Fri late pm. (Sabbath from Fri 6 pm to Sat 6pm - no work). It was now early Sun am.

The discovery (1-5)

- 1] Early dawn, on the first day of the week (1a)

? *Why?* - *Early morning?* = *illegal.*

No point? - Even if all seems lost, do what is right by the Lord

- 2] They went to the tomb with spices they had prepared (1b)

Nb the women who came with him from Galilee (8:2,3) and seen how his body was laid? (23:55)

? *Why?* *No men?* = *frightened, fear of the Jews. (Jn 20:19)*

- 3] Found (2)

- a) the stone rolled away and (2a)

nb huge circular disc of stone in a track, hence 'who will roll away stone? (Mk 16:3)

- b) went in (2b)

nb v bold - early dawn to go alone INTO tomb?

- c) did not find the body of the Lord Jesus (3)

cf 'Jesus Christ our Lord' (Romans 1:4)

- 4] While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by in dazzling apparel (4)

Cf Two required by Law as witnesses (Lev 17:6; 19:15; cf Matt 18:20)

Two in dazzling white - cf transfiguration (9:29); cf ascension (Acts 1:10)

(Nb Only one angel needed to announce (1:11,26))

- 5] As they were frightened, they bowed faces to the ground (5)

Nb frightened - but by good, not evil – did not run away?

Cf bowed with faces to ground (Genesis 42:6; Nehemiah 8:6)

The Lord speaks to those who honour / submit to Him

The announcement (5b-7)

- 1] Why do you seek the living among the dead? (5b)

Nb a rebuke? He had told them he would rise again (9:22; 18:33) ie Didn't you believe Him?

- 2] He is not here. He has risen (6a)

Je just as he said He would

- 3] Remember how he told you, while you were still in Galilee, that the son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise (6b,7)

*Remember / commit to memory the Word of God - He keeps His Word *

The purposes of God 'must' be fulfilled – they are irresistible

GRACE He subjected Himself to 'sinful men'

4] and they remembered His Words (8)

Cf they remembered - Jesus promised the Holy Spirit would enable this (John 14:26)

GRACE He told the most important news in history to the 'least' / the women

The report (9-12)

1] Returning they told all these things to the eleven and all the rest. (9)

Cf all the rest = 120? (Acts 1:15)

Tell others the facts of God's Word

2] Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary mother of James, and the other women who told apostles (10)
(repeats vs 9 = **KEY**)

Nb the women – last shall be first (Mt 20:16,27; Mk 9:35,44; Lk 13:30)

NEVER count yourself as insignificant in God's eyes – it may be you, your prayer, your words, your action that God uses to bring about His purposes

3] Reaction – these words seemed to them an idle tale – did not believe them (11)

Nb Had they not seen Jesus raise a dead man to life in Nain?! (7:15)

Cf Nonsense of 'Christ crucified' (1 Corinthians 1:18ff)

Beware of dismissing those who tell you of spiritual things that may seem like nonsense

(Nb Jesus open minds - the Christ should suffer on 3rd day rise from the dead (24:45))

4] But Peter... (12)

a) rose

nb Jesus - Do you want to go away as well Peter - To whom would we go? You have the words of eternal life (Jn 6:68)

b) Ran to the tomb (12a)

prioritize – HURRY - there is nothing more important than the claim of resurrection

c) Stooped - looked in - saw the grave clothes (12b)

cf grave clothes left – whereas Lazarus still had the grave clothes around him (John 11:44)

Don't be put off by sceptics - Take a look

d) went home marvelling at what had happened (12c)

nb marvelling = He couldn't have imagined, He didn't understand, but he believed!

cf (then Jesus appeared to Peter as later 'the Lord has risen and appeared to Simon' (24:34))

Conclusion

1] At the very back of the spiritual queue? A non-person that people would not take notice of? – in poll position to be used by God, cf the women.

2] If you hear of Jesus and are intrigued, 'rise and run' towards him. Don't let anything stop you till you have 'seen' for yourself that Jesus has risen and until you confess Him as 'Lord Jesus' yourself

KV *and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and all the rest (9)*

MP *All must know that Jesus has been raised from the dead*