

Luke 24:1-12 (ESV)

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. 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? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was 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." And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. 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, but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 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.

Jesus foretold of His death to His closest disciples. They saw wonders unfold that would make most of us say "surely He will do all that He says He will." Yet, when death, the biggest foe, seemed to have won, the disciples reacted to the news of the resurrection as if it were "an idle tale." Did they not remember Jesus healing the sick, walking on water, or even raising others from the dead? From the beginning of time the seed of the woman was meant to crush the head of the serpent from the Garden. The death of Jesus certainly destroyed sin, and the resurrection crushed the sting of death.

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ today, we fall in worship of Him who saved us from sin and death. We gather as a church family to proclaim that Jesus is Risen! The resurrection seals the promise of God saving His children and guarantees the promise that Jesus is coming again to take us home. His imminent return is not an "idle tale", and our lives should not be lived as if it is. Let your soul rejoice! Jesus is Risen! He is risen indeed! Let the Church be emboldened to march against the gates of hell knowing that they will not overcome.

FAMILY TABLE TALK QUESTION

How does the resurrection change how we should live today?

PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray that God will infuse the church with the victory Jesus won rising from the grave.