

To Seek & To Save Through the Empty Tomb

(Luke 24:1-12)

I. REMEMBER THE PROMISES OF JESUS CHRIST (LUKE 24:4, 6)

The word *perplexed* is from the Greek word *diaporeo* meaning to be in a state of complete uncertainty.

A. JESUS PROMISED TO BE WITH THEM (LUKE 24:6-7)

Matthew 12 :40, "For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."

John 10:17, "Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again."

1. It proved the fact of His deity.

John 1:14, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

Colossians 2:9, "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily."

2. It also proved His love.

John 15:13, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

B. JESUS PROMISED TO RETURN FOR US

John 14:1-3, "1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

II. RETURN TO THE PLACE OF FELLOWSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST

A. RETURN TO A PLACE OF TRUST (LUKE 24:12)

I Corinthians 10:12, "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

B. RETURN TO A PLACE OF FELLOWSHIP (MARK 16:7)

III. RECEIVE THE PROVISIONS OF JESUS CHRIST

A. THE EMPTY TOMB PROVIDES PEACE (LUKE 24:36)

Romans 5:1, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:"

John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

B. THE EMPTY TOMB PROVIDES SALVATION (LUKE 24:46-47)

II Corinthians 5:21, "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

John 11:25-26, "25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?"

CONCLUSION: I want to ask you the same question that Jesus asked Martha, Lazarus' sister. Do you believe?