

He Is Not Here
Luke 24:1-12, Pew Bible p. 884
April 17, 2022

I. The Wrong Mindset (V. 1-4)

A. Seeking Jesus the wrong way means having wrong expectations (V. 1).

B. Seeking Jesus the wrong way means looking in the wrong places (V. 2-5).

II. The Wrong Response (V. 5-12)

A. Seeking Jesus the wrong way means neglecting His word (V. 6-8).

B. Seeking Jesus the wrong way means being faithless (V. 9-12).

C. The reliability of the resurrection witnesses:

1. The resurrection witnesses only reported on what they saw.
2. The resurrection witnesses do not describe themselves in a positive way.
3. The resurrection witnesses were numerous and independent of each other.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read Luke 24:1-12.
2. What did the women expect to find at the tomb and how do you know according to verse 1? Share about a time when your lack of faith caused you to have low expectations of God.
3. As a group, find three examples from this passage of Jesus' disciples being unprepared for His resurrection. Share about a time you were unprepared for a miracle from God.
4. What are some differences between looking for a live person and looking for a dead person, as the angel emphasizes in verse 5? What is the difference today between learning about Jesus as another dead prophet as opposed to the living king?
5. What is something new God is teaching you this Easter season?
6. Pray for our church, that we would celebrate our risen Savior with passion this Easter season! Consider attending our next Zoom prayer meeting starting next Sunday, April 24th!

Church Bible Reading Plan

Bible Reading Plan: 1 Timothy 5-6

April Memory Verses: 1 Timothy 1:15-17

John 20:26-29 (ESV)

26 Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

You will need to reregister before the next Prayer Meeting on 4/24/2022. The new registration link will be added soon. Register from the www.apollobaptist.org home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting. Register with your name and email address. Click on the emailed Zoom link at the time of the Prayer Meeting.

Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

- Canceled this week so church members may enjoy more time with their families.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain, Steve & Joy V. in Turkey, Comfort J. in Nigeria, Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona, Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia, Sylvia M. at ASU West, Arizona, Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand, and Jules S. in Thailand
- PRAY for all our students: elementary, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an on-line setting, or a home school setting our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Gretchen E. (father), Rick V.S. (brother), Terry H. (brother), Matthew M. (uncle), Family of Genny M., Beverly T. (husband, Al), and LeRoy H. (wife, Kay)
- Those struggling with on-going health and other issues:
Michelle L. (health issues), Mary R. (awaiting kidney transplant), Debbie B. (awaiting medical tests), Leon V. (chemo), Ann C.-W. (health issues), Marie B's husband (gaining strength), Debbie P. (healing & improved health), Twila D. (stroke) Wayne D. (declining health), and Rebekah R.'s father, Keith B. (recovering from open-heart surgery), Ken & Darlene R. (health issues)
- Others that you are aware of