



Text: Luke 23:55-24:9

The Sunday morning encounter between the grieving female disciples and God's angelic messenger serves to help us process the unfathomable wonder of the resurrection.

A Question

- The angels' first address toward these mournful women came in the form of the question in verse 5 where they asked "*Why do you seek the living among the dead?*"
 - What does our passage through verse 3 tell us that the women were prepared to find on that Sunday morning when they went to the tomb?
 - The angels, by their question, caused the women to revisit their perceived reality. Though they'd seen him laid there the Friday before, what made their presence at the tomb on Sunday a mistake?
 - What are some of the ways that people put great effort into only honoring the memory of a dead Jesus?
 - How can we slip into honoring a historical Jesus while ignoring the living Savior?
 - What are some of the dead pursuits in which people search but will never find true life? Where have you mistakenly sought fulfillment that only Christ can give?

A Statement

- The angels proceed to make the crystal clear assertion, *“He is not here, but has risen.”*
 - About how many central figures of world religions can such claim be made?
- Can you make such plain proclamation of the resurrection?
 - Is this an embarrassing doctrine for you in our present culture?
 - What proofs would you give for the resurrection?

A Command

To help with a proper processing of their question and statement, the angels command the women,

“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.” (vv.6b-7).

- Read Luke 9:31-33.
 - What does it tell you about God’s sovereign control to see that Jesus died just as he and the prophets foretold?
 - Do you think that God is as careful with the details of your life as he was with the details of his death and resurrection? What should this mean to our confidence and courage?
- Do you think it insensitive that the angels commanded these women to be responsible for the truth they’d been given? Why or why not?
 - Are we any less responsible for the truth that’s been revealed to us? If not, what steps can we take to better remember truth?
 - Should we be able to make sense out of difficult times by remembering the truth we’ve been taught? Has remembering truth every brought you comfort and strength in a time of pain or uncertainty? If so, share.