



# Why Should Anyone Believe in the Resurrection?

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Luke 23:50-24:12

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## Luke 23:50-24:12 (NIV)

23:50 Now there was a man named Joseph, a member of the Council, a good and upright man,

51 who had not consented to their decision and action. He came from the Judean town of Arimathea, and he himself was waiting for the kingdom of God.

52 Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body.

53 Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen cloth and placed it in a tomb cut in the rock, one in which no one had yet been laid.

54 It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was about to begin.

55 The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it.

56 Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment.

24:1 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb.

2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,

3 but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

4 While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them.

5 In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?"

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6 He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee:

7 ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ ”

8 Then they remembered his words.

9 When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others.

10 It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles.

11 But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.

12 Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened..

**It is \_\_\_\_\_ to believe that Jesus rose from the dead.**

**It was hard for Jesus’s own \_\_\_\_\_ to believe that he rose from the dead.**

His followers did not \_\_\_\_\_ him to rise from the dead (23:50-54).

His followers were \_\_\_\_\_ when Jesus did rise from the dead (24:1-8).

His apostles did not \_\_\_\_\_ the women who told them that Jesus was risen from the dead (vv. 9-12).

**Big Idea: Believe that Jesus is risen \_\_\_\_\_ he is the One of a Kind Lord.**

You must believe in the resurrection to be \_\_\_\_\_ from God's wrath.

Romans 10:9-10: "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

You must believe in the resurrection to be \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead yourself.

2 Corinthians 4:14-15: "...we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. 15 All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God."