

Empty! > Luke 24:1-12

24:1-3 *What the women did not find.* Normally, when you go to a tomb, you expect to find a body – certainly that’s what these faithful ladies expected. Yet, Jesus was not there.

24:4-9 *The One who was missing from the tomb.* The two angels remind the women of what Jesus had already taught: that everything which had happened was part of His plan, and that plan included His resurrection from the dead on the third day. The women then take this message to the disciples.

24:10-12 *What Peter did not see.* The disciples, however, are skeptical. Peter ends up being the first to go on a fact-finding mission, where he too finds the empty tomb just as Christ had taught.

Context: This is the first of three resurrection stories in the final chapter of Luke’s gospel. Here, we have the basic facts of the empty tomb. Later in the chapter, Luke tells us about Christ’s appearance to the disciples on the road and then to the larger group before His ascension into heaven.

Aim: Luke wants to make absolutely clear that Jesus has risen from the dead. In these verses, we have three snapshots verifying that Christ has risen in fulfillment of what He had promised.

Gospel: The Good News for those who believe is that our Savior not only paid for our sins (**Luke 23**) by His sacrificial death, but also that His glorious resurrection secures our own resurrection and the beginning of death’s defeat.

Applications: Trust Christ as the resurrected Savior!

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
