

## TRADITIONAL VIEW OF HOLY WEEK

Sat	Palm Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Good Friday	Sat Sabbath	Easter Sun
	Rides into Jerusalem as king	Teach	Teach	Teach	Teach & Last Supper	Tried and Crucified	In the Tomb	Risen Appears to followers
Sabbath				Spy Wednesday	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Holy Saturday	

## ANOTHER VIEW OF HOLY WEEK

Sat	Palm Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Good Friday	Sat Sabbath	Easter Sun
Rides into Jerusalem as king	Teach	Teach	Teach & Last Supper	Tried and Crucified	In the Tomb	In the Tomb	In the Tomb	Appears to followers
Sabbath				Day of Preparation	Pass-over	Feast of Unleaven Bread	Rises after 6 p.m.	

## FOR DISCUSSION:

1. What do you like about Luke's account of the resurrection?
2. Why is the resurrection critical to understand?
3. What did you learn about this very familiar story that can help you in your faith?
4. What causes you to wonder or marvel when you read this account?
5. What was most helpful from this study?



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## TWO LESSONS FOR THIS SERIES:

1. The whole BOOK of Luke is based on the DEATH and resurrection of Jesus!
2. Although the crucifixion is the END of Jesus' life, it is the BEGINNING of so much more!

## SCRIPTURES

*Luke 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? 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.*

## THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RESURRECTION

1. Without the resurrection, there would be no CHRISTIANITY.

*1Cor. 15:14 And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.*

2. Without the resurrection, there would be no NEW TESTAMENT.

3. Without the resurrection, we would have no HOPE of life after our EARTHLY life.

*1Cor 15:17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. . . . 19 If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.*

### **LUKE'S ODD WAY OF CONVINCING US**

1. Although the resurrection is the CENTRAL point of Christianity, Luke uses only one chapter to TALK about it.

*Luke 1:3 With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus,*

2. Luke's MAIN characters WONDERED about this.

*Luke 24:2 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, . . . 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.*

3. Luke doesn't TELL us everything that he KNOWS about the resurrection in this book.

*Acts 1:3 After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.*

### **LUKE'S ACCOUNT OF THE RESURRECTION — THE WOMEN**

1. The women had WAITED for the first opportunity by Jewish LAW to anoint Jesus' body. They knew WHERE the tomb was, but they wouldn't have known that it was SEALED.

*Luke 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.*

*Luke 23:55 The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it.*

2. These women who had been with Jesus THROUGHOUT His ministry, and were also there when He DIED and was buried, were extremely COURAGEOUS. When they arrived at the tomb, they went INSIDE.

*Luke 24:3 but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.*

3. While they were PUZZLING over this, two angels appeared to the women and did some TEACHING.

*John 20:12 and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.*

— The QUESTION: "Why seek living among the DEAD?"

— The STATEMENT: "He is not here. He has RISEN!"

— The REMINDER: "Remember what He TOLD you?"

4. When the women realized what had REALLY happened, they HURRIED back to tell the disciples (the Eleven).

*Luke 24:10 It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles.*

### **LUKE'S ACCOUNT OF THE RESURRECTION — THE MEN**

1. The men, who were still very AFRAID for their OWN lives, did not believe the women. In fact, to them this was NONSENSE.

*John 20:19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"*

2. But Peter (and John) got up and RAN to the tomb to see for HIMSELF. He did NOT see angels. He saw grave clothes and went away WONDERING (θαυμάζω *thaumazō*).

*Luke 24:12 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.*

### **POSSIBLE THEORIES OF THE RESURRECTION**

1. The disciples came and STOLE the body of Jesus. (*But even they weren't EXPECTING a resurrection!*)

*Matt. 28:13 telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.'"*

2. Jesus "SWOONED" after being laid in a COOL tomb. (*But everyone who saw Him WORSHIPPED.*)

3. The women went to the WRONG tomb. (*But so did EVERYONE else, and the women had BEEN there before.*)

4. This was all a MYTH. (*But it was written while the witnesses were still ALIVE!*)

5. Jesus ROSE from the dead!