



The Empty Tomb Luke 24:1-12

Something to Start Us Off

- When was the last time you visited a cemetery? What happened while you were there?

Something to Notice

- Who is the “they” that Luke refers to starting at the beginning of the chapter? (Hint: It is here in the text, but you can also confirm that by looking at the end of Luke 23.)
- Describe one of the events that happened when they got to the tomb.
- How did the apostles respond when they heard the news?

Something to Understand

The Gospels all agree that it was women who went to the tomb first that morning and found it empty.

In **Matthew 28** it describes an angel at the tomb. In **Mark 16** it says, “a young man.” John’s Gospel does not say anything about angels or men on the scene, only Jesus appearing to Mary and then the disciples.

- Given the various descriptions mentioned above, how can we harmonize the data of the Gospels regarding the scene at the tomb that morning?
- Read Luke 9:22 and 18:32-34. Now read vv.5-7 again. What do you think of the fact that neither the women nor the apostles seemed to be expecting any of this?
- How do you think you would have responded if you were in the place of these disciples that Sunday morning? In what way does the story affect you now, as we read about it?

Something to Take Home

- After looking at this section of Luke 24, in what ways do you think it God would have it affect our view of Jesus and of death, especially for the believer?
- Is there anything else this look at Luke 24:1-12 that you especially want to remember for future reference? Can you explain why?