

Rise Up! Celebration of the Resurrection

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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 24:1, NIV

The first Easter was a typical _____ morning.

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 . . . Luke 24:2-4^a NIV

A natural reaction to the body of Jesus being gone is _____ and _____.

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? Luke 24:4-5, NIV

¹⁸ **I am the Living One**; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades. Revelation 1:18, NIV

With their _____, the men in white were actually making a statement, "Jesus is the _____."

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 ⁸ **Then they remembered his words.** Luke 24:6-8, NIV

It was always part of God's plan to have Jesus:

_____ for us.

_____ for us.

_____ for us.

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. Luke 24:9-10, NIV

The first witnesses of the empty tomb were _____.

¹¹ But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Luke 24:11, NIV

The disciples' reaction to the resurrection was _____.

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. Luke 24:12, NIV

In reaction to the message of the resurrection Peter _____ _____ to check out the empty tomb.

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. . . ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:20,56-57, NIV

Peter considered the _____ and later the _____ of the resurrection.

MEMORY VERSE

The men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" ⁶ He is not here; he has risen! Luke 24:5^b-6^a, NIV

Bottom line: Jesus rose up from the dead. He beat death for us. We want to remember this truth and rise up to follow him.

What's your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.