



## **SERMON NOTES**

April 20, 2014

Scripture: Luke 24:1-12 (NAS)

Topic: "Christ's Appearances on Easter"

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- 1 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared.
- 2 And 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 perplexed about this, behold, two men suddenly stood near them in dazzling clothing;
- 5 and as the women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living One among the dead?"
- 6 "He is not here, but He has risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee,
- 7 saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again."
- 8 And they remembered His words,
- 9 and returned from the tomb and reported all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.
- 10 Now they were Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James; also the other women with them were telling these things to the apostles.
- 11 But these words appeared to them as nonsense, and they would not believe them.
- 12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he \*saw the linen wrappings only; and he went away to his home, marveling at what had happened.

### **I. THE EMPTINESS OF LIFE APART FROM CHRIST**

- A. No Future—No Hope
- B. Solomon Declares It In Ecclesiastes *Ecclesiastes 1:2, 14*
- C. Only A Death March

### **II. EASTER BRINGS HOPE**

- A. Gives Significance To Life
- B. Sets A Goal And Future Before Us
- C. Hope In The Midst Of The Struggles *Philippians 4:4*
- D. He Is Risen

### **III. THE WOMEN CAME TO THE TOMB**

- A. Expecting A Dead Body
- B. Their Hearts Were Empty Of Joy
- C. But The Tomb Was Empty
- D. The Living Christ Brought Rejoicing

### **IV. JESUS' MEETING WITH TWO MEN**

- A. Men Filled With Despair *Luke 24:19-21*
- B. Jesus Verbally Chastised Them *Luke 24:25,26*
- C. The Despair In Their Hearts Died *I Corinthians 15:55-57*
- D. Lay Hold Of The Promise *John 6:47; Romans 8:28, 29*

### **V. THE FOUR APPEARANCES OF CHRIST ON EASTER**

- A. To The Women
- B. To Peter
- C. The Two Men On The Road To Emmaus
- D. To The Apostles And Others Gathered With Them
- E. He Brought Them Peace *John 14:27*