



## SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*Week of June 9, 2024*

**Sermon Text: Luke 24:1-12**

***[1] But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. [2] And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, [3] but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. [4] While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. [5] And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? [6] He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, [7] that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." [8] And they remembered his words, [9] and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. [10] Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, [11] but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. [12] But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.***

### Discussion Questions

1. Do you find it difficult to believe in the resurrection of Jesus? Why or why not? Put yourself into the shoes of the 11 disciples - why do you think they found it so difficult to believe?
2. How does Luke's narrative of the crucifixion and burial of Jesus display the great love his female followers had for their Lord? To help you answer this question, try to put yourself into their shoes and describe the love they had for Jesus. At the same time, how does the narrative prove they did not believe in the resurrection?
3. How is it possible to love Jesus so deeply, but still not believe Him at His word? Do Christians still live like this today? Explain.
4. Why is it sometimes difficult to take God at His word and to remember His promises? What specifically do we need to remember in our times of greatest struggle and trouble. How does this help us?
5. While the other disciples dismiss the women's story of the risen Christ as an idle tale, Peter runs to the tomb. Why do you think he did that? How did the empty tomb impact Peter's life? How does the empty tomb impact yours?