

Wellspring Covenant Church
Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

Revelation is on its way!

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Luke 24:1-12

Very early in the morning on the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb, bringing the fragrant spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. They didn't know what to make of this.

Suddenly, two men were standing beside them in gleaming bright clothing. The women were frightened and bowed their faces toward the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He isn't here, but has been raised. Remember what he told you while he was still in Galilee, that the Human One must be handed over to sinners, be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words.

When they returned from the tomb, they reported all these things to the eleven and all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. Their words struck the apostles as nonsense, and they didn't believe the women.

But Peter ran to the tomb. When he bent over to look inside, he saw only the linen cloth. Then he returned home, wondering what had happened.

Message Notes:

_____ is a great _____:

- Reveals deeply held _____
- Reveals _____

_____ — is a _____!

- Revelation of _____
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For your Reflection

- Take a moment to let a loss that has impacted you recently come to mind. It might be small and personal or on a larger, even global scale. What has it revealed in you, around you?
- The heavenly messengers who appear to the women at the tomb ask them why they are looking for the living among the dead (verse 5). Where have you experienced God's living resurrection presence with you? How might you spend more time experiencing this?
- Luke's Easter morning story ends with Peter walking away, wondering what had happened, (verse 12), and with the rest of the men thinking the women were talking nonsense (verse 10-11). What changed their minds?

Breath Prayer:

If you can, practice holding your hands open to God in prayer as a symbol of openness to Jesus.

Take a deep breath in. As you exhale, release to God what you've been carrying that hasn't felt life-giving. Take another deep breath in. As you exhale, invite the presence of Jesus to surround. Breathe in and out, releasing and inviting as many times as needed.