

# Why Do You Look for the Living Among the Dead?

Luke 24: 1 – 8

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<sup>1</sup> But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men suddenly stood near them in dazzling clothing; <sup>5</sup> 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? <sup>6</sup> “He is not here, but He has risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.” <sup>8</sup> And they remembered His words,

# The Expectation

- You don't look for the Living among the Dead when,
  - You actually believe He is living?
  - You actually trust in His words?
  - You actually know the difference between living and dead?
- These women should have already known He would rise because He said so, and when they found the tomb empty, that should have been their first consideration.

# How do People Today Look for the Living among the Dead?

- Like these women and the disciples, many today simply do not believe God's Word.
- Instead of seeking a relationship with Jesus people look to society, immorality, and greed to meet their needs.
- Instead of seeking a relationship with Jesus people look to religion, or their denominational traditions.

# How to Seek the Living

- Recognize that as a sinner you cannot make yourself right with God, not even with religious tradition. (Romans 6: 23)
- Realize that Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty for your sins and God has therefore established salvation by confessing.
- With your mouth confess that Jesus is Lord and believe in His resurrection from the dead. (Romans 10: 9)

# Conclusion

- Jesus really did rise from the dead, just like He said He would, and we are expected to believe that.
- There are too many broad ways that lead to destruction, and we must be wise to obey God's word and get on the straight and narrow.
- If we can't believe it simply because God said it in His word, we will most likely look for the living one from among the dead and we will not find Him.