



**Leaders:** choose some, but not all of the following questions. Email me with any questions. Mark.

### Study 4 - Luke 24:1-12 Empty tomb

You make like to begin by reading the passage again or at least making sure everyone has it open.

1. Is there anything that stood out for you from the passage or the message? New insights?

#### **The women**

2. How must these women on route to Jesus' tomb, been feeling?
3. When they arrived, they found the stone across the entrance, had been rolled away. This may have initially been something for which they were thankful. Why? But what other thoughts might have gone through their minds when they didn't find Jesus' body?

#### **Resurrection**

4. It is worth exploring the women's confusion. On the one hand, why didn't they remember Jesus had promised he would rise again, each time he had spoken of his impending death? And on the other, why do the gospel writers include in their accounts, key characters being so slow to understand?
5. Do you remember Mike's explanation as to why the women weren't expecting Jesus had risen from death? Replay or read that bit again and discuss. The notion of private resurrection was just not on the cards!

#### **He is not here!**

Mike pointed out two possibilities for the women: they are either in the wrong place (wrong tomb), or there at the wrong time.

6. Who were these "two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning"? v4
7. What assurance are we given that the women were in the right place? (See also Luke 23:54-56)

#### **He is risen!**

8. How did Mike describe the way the angel's pronouncement comes across in the original language. Why do you think his 'getting up', is so understated?
9. What are some of the implications of Jesus body not being there? (See Mike's text at this point.)
10. What are the implications for us?
11. And what are some of the implications if Jesus had NOT risen? (You may like to explore 1 Corinthians 15:12-19.)
12. What is the significance of including the women's testimony - even reporting that the disciples did not receive it as it seemed like nonsense? (v11)
13. Discuss Mike's closing remarks from his text (the video ended up a little different): "Jesus has conquered death. He has shrugged it off like you throw off a sheet in the morning. He invites everyone to follow him through that door he has opened from death to life. But to do that, you need to remember and trust his promises".

Share something you've learnt from the message and discussion. Give thanks for Jesus' resurrection and all that it means.