

Lk24:1 Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared.

24:2 But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb.

24:3 Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

24:4 And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments.

24:5 Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?"

24:6 "He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee,

24:7 "saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.' "

24:8 And they remembered His words.

24:9 Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.

24:10 It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles.

24:11 And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them.

24:12 But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened.

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Sermon Title: "He Will Surely Rise Again on the Third Day"

[From Today's Sermon]

Happy Easter. We praise God for the Lord's resurrection.

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It is written that we are beings who easily forget what the Lord has spoken. Not only that, but even when we hear the Word, it seems like foolish talk to us—revealing our own lack of understanding, negligence, and arrogance.

"To the apostles, it seemed like foolish talk, and they did not believe it."

"They could not find the body of the Lord Jesus. Because of this, they were at a loss." Such were the hearts of the people. Although everything was spoken in the Word, people forget it, do not cherish it, and do not listen and obey—and in the end, they are left at a loss.

"He is not here; He has risen. Remember what He told you while He was still in Galilee: …

“The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinners, be crucified, and on the third day rise again.”

He will surely be handed over to sinners, surely be crucified, and surely rise again.

“Why do you seek the living among the dead?” Jesus is the One who lives among the dead. Though He will surely suffer on the cross at the hands of sinners, and though He will surely die, He will surely rise again. Even we, though we struggle and are wounded in this sinful world, will surely rise again.

Ladies and gentlemen, Happy Easter—the Lord’s Resurrection.

The weather is warming up, and the cherry blossoms are in full bloom. I am grateful that we can celebrate the Lord’s Resurrection in such a season.

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It is written that we are beings who easily forget what the Lord has spoken. Not only that, but it reveals our own lack of understanding, negligence, and arrogance—even when we hear the Word, we regard it as foolish talk.

“To the apostles, it seemed like foolish talk, and they did not believe it.”

The hearts of those who “could not find the body of the Lord Jesus and were at a loss.” Even though everything had been spoken in the Word, people forget it, do not cherish it, and do not listen and obey—and in the end, they are left at a loss.

24:1 On the first day of the week, just before dawn, the women went to the tomb, carrying the spices they had prepared.

24:2 But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb,

24:3 and when they went inside, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

24:4 While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men in dazzling clothes appeared to them.

24:5 The women were startled and terrified, and as they bowed their faces to the ground, the two men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead?

24:6 He is not here; he has risen. Remember what he told you while he was still in Galilee,

24:7 Did he not tell you that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinners, be crucified, and rise again on the third day?”

24:8 Then the women remembered his words,

24:9 and returning from the tomb, they reported all these things to the eleven disciples and to all the others.

24:10 These women were Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women who were with them also told this to the apostles.

24:11 But to the apostles, this seemed like a foolish story, and they did not believe it.

We are reminded that there is truly no being more stubborn than human beings.

Even though the answers lie entirely within the Word, and though they have been revealed to us in their entirety, we act as if we have not heard them or been made aware of them. And then, when things do not go as we expect, we are surprised, suspicious, or at a loss, saying, “But,” “But…”

Today, we wish to reaffirm once again that this world is filled with God’s salvation and grace.

24:7 “Did He not say that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinners, be crucified, and rise again on the third day?”

The word “must” in verse 7 applies to three statements. That is, Jesus “must” be delivered into the hands of sinners, “must” be crucified, and “must” rise again on the third day.

“Why do you seek the living among the dead?”

Jesus was handed over to sinners. This world is a world of sinners. It is a world of people who are dead in their sins. It is a rebellious world where lawlessness runs rampant, where people reach out to crucify the Son of God; it cannot be called a land of the living. It was into such a battlefield that the Lord descended.

He would be envied, lynched, and crucified unlawfully. Jesus was born into this world knowing full well that such things would “certainly” happen. However, it was also decreed as a “certain” event that the Lord, who willingly offered up His own life in this manner, would rise again by the power of God.

Acts 2:22 Men of Israel, listen to what I am about to say. As you well know, God anointed Jesus of Nazareth as his Servant through the mighty works, wonders, and signs he performed among you.

2:23 This Jesus was handed over according to God's determined plan and foreknowledge, and you, with the help of lawless men, crucified and killed him.

2:24 God raised him from the dead, having loosed him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

The Lord went down into the realm of the dead and was crucified to free people from the power of sin that brings death. The Lord went down into the realm of the dead, and though sinners laid hands on Him and crucified Him, He was raised by the power of the resurrection. The Lord did not raise Himself, but was raised by God the Father.

24:6 He is not here; He has been raised (in the original Greek text, "He has been raised").

Herein lies the truth for us.

Matthew 16:21 From that time on, Jesus Christ began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and be raised on the third day.

16:22 Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! That must never happen."

16:23 Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

16:24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

16:25 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

16:26 What good is it for a person to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their life? Or what can a person give in exchange for their life?

We live in a sinful world. It is a world of murderers who put themselves first, who sacrifice others for their own sake, and who do not fear using people as stepping stones. But God's truth is revealed here in Jesus.

24:7 "Did I not tell you that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, be crucified, and rise again on the third day?"

People will certainly, with relentless determination, bring Jesus into their own hands. There is no fear or hesitation in this. They will certainly carry it out. This world has become a world of death, utterly corrupted to that extent. And the Lord “must” have been crucified. However, this was not the result of Jesus yielding to the hands of sinners, but rather to create those who live among the dead, dwelling in such a world of death.

“Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen.”

The Lord Jesus will surely rise again. Let us believe that the path of resurrection is “surely” prepared for Him who willingly offered His own life as our ransom.

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Hebrews 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

12:2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

12:3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

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24:7 Did he not say to you, “The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinners, be crucified, and on the third day rise again’?”

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We pray that we may always “remember” the Lord’s words, share them with one another, and make them the sustenance of our lives. We are shown that we should always be clear about what we believe, so that we do not live as it is written: “To the apostles, this seemed like a foolish story, and they did not believe it.”

◇Prayer: Heavenly Father, we thank You for today’s worship service. We are once again struck by Your words: “The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinners, be crucified, and rise again on the third day.” These words remind us that the Lord had to suffer for our sake. He is the One who was wounded for us, poured out His life, and was crucified on the cross.

The Lord is the One who will surely help and forgive us. And that Lord is the One who will surely rise again. Please lead all who are suffering into God’s salvation and peace. Please bless our families and the people in our community. Please use us. We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.