

# Can a Skeptic be Convinced?

Luke 24:1-12

<sup>1</sup> But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup> 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? <sup>6</sup> He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” <sup>8</sup> And they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> 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, <sup>11</sup> but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> 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.<sup>1</sup>

The **TRUTH** of the resurrection *transforms*  
skeptics into passionate witnesses

- ❖ **Even Christ’s followers had a hard time believing (1-4a)**
  
- ❖ **He is not here; he has risen! (4-8)**
  
- ❖ **Even Christ’s followers had a hard time believing, part 2 (9-11)**
  
- ❖ **The wonder of the resurrection (12)**
  
- ❖ **Come & see . . . Go & tell!**
  - Read the Scriptures
  - Examine the evidence
  - Believe the testimony
  - Tell the story

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<sup>1</sup> *The Holy Bible : English standard version*. 2001. Wheaton: Standard Bible Society.