



Messiah Renews (Easter Sunday)

(Luke 23:50-56 and 24:1-12)

Luke 23:50-56

(Passage #1)

⁵⁰ Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, ⁵¹ who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. ⁵² This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³ Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid.

- ⁵⁴ It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. ⁵⁵ The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. ⁵⁶ Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Luke 24:1-12

(Passage #2)

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

- ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵ 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? ⁶ He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise."

24:1-12

(Passage #2)

- ⁸ And they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.
- ¹⁰ 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, ¹¹ but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.
- ¹² 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.

I. Introduction

A. Definitions

1. **"Renew" (Old-New):** Something from before that is restored
2. **"Re-New" (New-New):** Once again, something brand new occurs

B. Of Library Cards and Sleepy Bunnies

The ability to once again check out books vs. learning to read

II. An Allegorical Reading of Luke 23:50-24:12

- A. Joseph of Arimathea and Looking for God's Kingdom (New-New)
- B. The Women and The Stabilizing Effect of Traditions (Old-New)
- C. The Women and an Empty Tomb (New-New)
- D. The Women and the Importance of Remembering (Old-New)
- E. The Apostles and a Lack of Belief (Old-Old)
- F. Peter and the Discovery of God's Kingdom (New-New)

III. Conclusion

A. God Comes to Us

1. "The Runaway Bunny"
2. The Cross and the Resurrection

III. Conclusion

B. Of Remembering (Old-New) and Being Born Again (New-New)

1. John 3:3

Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again^[a] he cannot see the kingdom of God.” [a. Or *from above*; the Greek is purposely ambiguous and can mean both *again* and *from above*]

2. John 3:16

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

III. Conclusion

C. An Easter Blessing

May your awe of God's love for you be "renewed" this Easter season!



Let Us Pray

