

The

Easter Story:

A Story to Like and Share

“On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them.”

Luke 24:1-4 NIV

“In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’” Then they remembered his words.”

Luke 24:5-8 NIV

“When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles.

Luke 24:9-10 NIV

“But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.”

Luke 24:11-12 NIV

What's Happening

- ★ Women believe Jesus is still dead
- ★ Angels appear in the empty tomb
- ★ “He is risen!”
- ★ Nobody else believes the women

“While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

Luke 24:36-39 NIV

“When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence.”

Luke 24:40-43 NIV

“He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.” Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.”

Luke 24:44-45 NIV

“He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Luke 24:46-49 NIV

What's Happening

- ★ Jesus appears
- ★ Responds to doubts
- ★ Forgiveness of sins is available to ALL

“Like” The Story

- ★ Accepting the Easter Story
- ★ Christ rose, defeated death and sin which leads to eternal life
- ★ Give all the pieces of your life to Jesus
- ★ Let God put all the pieces together

“Share” The Story

- ★ Living out your faith
- ★ Talk about your faith
 - With non-Christians and Christians
- ★ Act out your faith
 - Love, grace, truth, peace

Closing

- ★ The Easter story continues in our lives
- ★ Jesus lives in us and through us
- ★ This is a story to “Like” and “Share”