

- I. The hopeless followers of Jesus
  - A. They came expecting to anoint a dead body
  - B. They came expecting to find a sealed tomb
- II. The alarmed followers of Jesus
  - A. They found the stone rolled away
  - B. They found the tomb empty
  - C. They found an angel messenger
- III. The amazed followers of Jesus
  - A. They were told to not be afraid

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." (I Peter 1:3)

- B. They were reminded of Jesus' coming to earth

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." (John 1:14)

- C. They were reminded of Jesus' death on the cross

"You see at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly." (Romans 5:6)

- D. They were told that Jesus is alive

"But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him." (Acts 2:24)

"Who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 1:4)

- E. They were given evidence to help them believe

"Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." (John 20:30-31)

- F. They were given the assignment to tell the disciples
- G. They were given an example of God's grace
- H. They were given assurance that they would see Jesus alive

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ” (John 14:1-3)

I. They were assured that Jesus’ words are always true

“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies.” (John 11:25)