

I. Hidden disciples go public

A. They showed great courage

“If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.” (Luke 9:26)

B. They risked rejection

C. They took action

II. Loyal disciples go to visit the tomb

A. They were witnesses of Jesus’ death

“But all those who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.” (Luke 23:49)

B. They were witnesses of Jesus’ burial

C. They were witnesses of the empty tomb

*Empty tomb picture

III. Confused disciples are taught by angels

A. They were rebuked for seeking a dead friend

B. They were given the news of the risen Savior

“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)

C. They were reminded of Jesus’ promise

“From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.” (Matthew 16:21)

IV. Excited disciples become witnesses

A. The ladies told what they had seen and heard

“You will be his witness to all men of what you have seen and heard.” (Acts 22:15)

B. The disciples initially rejected the resurrection story

C. Peter checked out the evidence

D. All the disciples would believe in Jesus as the Risen Savior

“If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord’, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” (Romans 10:9)

E. All the disciples would become witnesses of the Risen Savior

“With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all.” (Acts 4:33)