

The resurrection life, with all its power and glory isn't found in simply accepting the evidence of the resurrection. It is found in believing God's Word and trusting His plan.

## **Background & Introduction**

### **I. The First Witnesses — "The women"**

- A. An empty tomb (2, 3)
    - 1. Plans for the body
      - Saw it laid there on Friday
    - 2. Perplexed by this surprise
  - B. Angels in the tomb (4, 5)
    - 1. A frightening experience
    - 2. Good news?
- (C. and D. to be discussed later)

### **II. The Angels' Testimony**

- A. The question
    - Why look for the living among the dead? (5)
  - B. The answer
    - He is risen! He is alive.
- NOTE: It is a true *Resurrection*.
- C. The evidence
    - 1. For them
    - 2. For us
      - "Lord" (Acts 2:32, 36)
  - D. The admonition (6, 7)
    - 1. He told you....
    - 2. Listen to Him....Remember!
      - a. Remember his words
        - Luke 9:21; 18:32
      - b. Remember God's plan

c. It's the third day!

Returning for a moment to  
**I. The First Witnesses – "The women"**

C. They remembered! (8)

D. They "witnessed" (9)

**III. The First Skeptics**

A. The Disciples

1. Idle talk  
- Viewed with suspicion

2. A Changing picture

B. Peter (and John)

1. Investigation
2. Jesus means what He says!
3. First step to full conviction

**IV. Seeking the Truth**

1. Comfort
  - We don't need to despair when God's plans aren't making sense
  - We can trust His Word and His plans (Romans 5:10; Mark 9:24)
2. Security
  - The resurrection affirms the power and claims of Jesus
  - And secures His promises to us
3. Encouragement
  - For doubters, deniers, boasters and blasphemers
  - As He lives, so will I (John 5:24; 6:47)
4. Hope for the lost
  - Skeptics can be convinced (Luke 11:9)