

GOOD NEWS AND FAKE NEWS

Luke 24:1-12

“News has always traveled fast” and even before social media, there was a _____ aspect to its spread
The good news of Jesus’ resurrection was first spread through social interaction—by the _____ of God
Each of the gospels tells the story of the first Easter Sunday morning from a very _____ perspective

I. GOOD NEWS!

A. The Newscasters

- 1) The first to spread news of the empty tomb were the women who had supported Jesus _____
- 2) They had been the last to leave the tomb Friday when they prepared _____ to anoint Jesus’ body
- 3) They were the first to the tomb at _____ on Sunday morning—as soon as they could see to travel

B. 3 Surprises

- 1) They discovered the _____ rolled away from the door of the tomb, an obstacle they had discussed
- 2) So they immediately entered the tomb to work and discovered the _____ of Jesus was not there
 - a) The women may have thought that grave robbers had come for the body but the _____ remained
 - b) So the women were “perplexed” by what they found—in _____ as to what these surprises meant
- 3) Two _____ appeared to the women, but Luke describes them as “two men” in shining garments
 - a) It is a misconception that angels have _____ ; the NT indicates they appear as human beings
 - b) Angels appeared to announce Jesus’ _____ ; here they appear to announce His resurrection

C. 3 Pieces of News

- 1) The angels asked, “Why do you seek the _____ among the dead?” implying that Jesus was alive
- 2) The second statement of the angels was straightforward: “He is not here; He is _____ “
- 3) The angels reminded the ladies that Jesus had foretold his crucifixion and His _____

At this point, these ladies represent all human beings today who have only the evidence of the empty _____
They made sense of the empty tomb only because heaven offered them supernatural help in 2 forms:

- 1) The angels brought word from heaven: we need the _____ to understand Jesus’ resurrection
- 2) The angels intervened directly in their lives: we need the _____ of God to give us understanding

II. FAKE NEWS!

A. The 11 apostles (minus Judas Iscariot) were gathered with other disciples perhaps in the _____

B. The response of the 11 apostles is anything but hopeful: they treat the report of women as _____ news

- 1) The word translated “idle tales” was used in ancient medical literature of the talk of the _____
 - a) Gerard paraphrase of v.11: And they thought they were _____ and did not believe them
 - b) IRONY ALERT: the _____ were the first of millions down through the centuries to respond to the good news of Jesus’ resurrection by rejecting it as fake news, the delusions of religious fanatics
- 2) The apostles may have responded in this way because women in their culture could not be _____

C. Rather than reject the claims of the women, Peter decided to fact-check them by going to the _____

- 1) Peter found that at least part of their claim was true: the tomb was _____ except for the linens
- 2) Peter kept seeking the primary source of the story until he found Him—the risen _____