

“Remember What He Says”

Based on Luke 24:1-9 (NIV)

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Luke 24:1-4a

1 *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.*

2 *They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,*

3 *but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.*

4 *While they were wondering about this, ...*

† **The stone was not rolled away to let Jesus out.**

† **The stone was rolled away so that others could get in and see for themselves that Jesus had indeed risen from the dead.**

Luke 24:4b-8

4 *... suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them.*

5 *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?"*

6 *He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee:*

7 *'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'*

8 *Then they remembered his words.*

† **Jesus told them what would happen.**

† **I am to remember through Jesus' life that God loves me not just in the present, but to help me deal with my past and prepare me for my future.**

† **I can remember in Jesus' promise in John 8:36 that God will help me deal with whatever skeletons are in my past.**

† **I can leave the "if only's" of my past with God through Christ**

† **Remember, Christ has given me instructions on how to live in the present, like in Luke 10:27 (The Great Commandment).**

† **When I put God first, all the other priorities of life fall correctly into place.**

† **Even for the future, remember that Christ has promised me through his words "I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).**

† **God, through the Holy Spirit, is with me as my guide.**

Luke 24:8 - Then they (the women) remembered his words.

† **I am to remember that I am not to worry, for my heavenly Father knows the way for me to follow.**

Applying Today's Message to My Life:

† How do I try and remember things?

† What "if only"s from my past am I hung up on?

† What am I wondering about in my life today?

† How am I uncertain about my future?

† How does Jesus help me remember God's love for me?

† This week, what can help me to remember that God is with me to help me deal with my past, my present, and my future?