

Luke 23:50-56, 24:1-12 New Living Translation

The Burial of Jesus

50 Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph. He was a member of the Jewish high council, **51** but he had not agreed with the decision and actions of the other religious leaders. He was from the town of Arimathea in Judea, and he was waiting for the Kingdom of God to come. **52** He went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. **53** Then he took the body down from the cross and wrapped it in a long sheet of linen cloth and laid it in a new tomb that had been carved out of rock. **54** This was done late on Friday afternoon, the day of preparation,^[a] as the Sabbath was about to begin. **55** As his body was taken away, the women from Galilee followed and saw the tomb where his body was placed. **56** Then they went home and prepared spices and ointments to anoint his body. But by the time they were finished the Sabbath had begun, so they rested as required by the law.

The Resurrection

24 But very early on Sunday morning^[a] the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. **2** They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. **3** So they went in, but they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. **4** As they stood there puzzled, two men suddenly appeared to them, clothed in dazzling robes. **5** The women were terrified and bowed with their faces to the ground. Then the men asked, "Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? **6** He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Remember what he told you back in Galilee, **7** that the Son of Man^[b] must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and that he would rise again on the third day." **8** Then they remembered that he had said this. **9** So they rushed back from the tomb to tell his eleven disciples—and everyone else—what had happened. **10** It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and several other women who told the apostles what had happened. **11** But the story sounded like nonsense to the men, so they didn't believe it. **12** However, Peter jumped up and ran to the tomb to look. Stooping, he peered in and saw the empty linen wrappings; then he went home again, wondering what had happened.

Questions:

1. Why was it important that the women saw the tomb where Jesus body was placed?
2. What did the women find at the tomb of Jesus on Sunday morning?
3. What did the men at the tomb tell the women?
4. What were the "two responses" of the women to the message of the men in verse 8 and 9?
5. Peter also rushed to the empty tomb.

What do you think was going through his mind?