

Believing God when hope seems lost

Luke 23:50-24:12, p. 858 (Part 5 of 7 – Luke 22-24)

I. THE BURIAL – OBEYING GOD WHEN HOPE SEEMED TO BE GONE (LUKE 23:50-56).

- A. Joseph of Arimathea – He was a godly man doing the right thing even when his hope about Jesus was gone (50-54).
- B. The women of Galilee – They obeyed what God had said even when they didn't know what God was doing (55-56).

II. THE RESURRECTION – STRUGGLING TO BELIEVE THE GOOD NEWS THAT JESUS WAS ALIVE (LUKE 24:1-12)

- A. The women at the empty tomb believed the message of the angels at the tomb declaring Jesus was alive (1-9).
 - 1. The witnesses – The angels confirmed Jesus arose (1-5).
 - 2. The evidence – The tomb was empty (6a; Matthew 28:6).
 - 3. Jesus' words – The women remembered Jesus had said He would rise (6b-8; Mark 8:31; 9:31-32; 10:32-33).
 - B. The disciples did not believe the women's report at first that Jesus was alive, but Peter went to see (10-12).
- What are you trusting in for eternal life? (1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9)