

**Magnolia Missionary Baptist Church of Beaumont**  
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**Lesson # 5 March 28, 2023 – April 2, 2023**

**Unit II:** Experiencing the Resurrection; has four lessons from the gospels of Luke and John which centers on JESUS'S appearances to HIS followers. Our lesson for today is lesson five (5) which deals with the women's surprise encounter at the empty tomb, and their attempt to convey the message to JESUS'S disciples. And lesson 6 explores the account of the disciples and how they came to believe in the Resurrection. Lesson 7 centers on JESUS CHRIST'S appearance to HIS disciples at the Sea of Galilee according to John chapter 21. Lesson 8 deals with John's account and records of JESUS CHRIST'S reinstatement of Peter.

**Subject:** Amazing Encounters

**Text:** Luke 24: 1-12

**Key Verse:**

Why seek ye the living among the dead? HE is not here, but is risen (Luke 24: 5b-6a, KJV).

**Lesson Pointers:**

- 1) Jesus appears to the Women (Luke 24: 1-9)
- 2) Apostles Encounter (Luke 24: 10-12)

**Introduction:**

When you encounter or experience an amazing circumstance in your life, you cannot keep it to yourselves. In fact it is almost impossible for one to do so. So, the question arises, how can you express or convey your excitement about your amazing experiences? Well the women that experienced the amazing resurrection of JESUS CHRIST faced that same situation, and they ran to tell JESUS CHRIST'S disciples. These women want them to know that JESUS CHRIST had risen just as HE had said that he would. The Spirit of GOD in them caused the women to go and tell. It reminds me of Jeremiah that said that he would not speak of his name anymore, but he could not keep it to himself, it was like fire all shut up in my bones (Jeremiah 20: 9). So, we are to tell others about JESUS CHRIST birth, life, death, and amazing resurrection, and HIS ascension into heaven and HIS coming back again.

**Lesson Pointer # 1**

- Jesus appears to the Women (Luke 24: 1-9)

After JESUS CHRIST'S death on the cross, the women carefully noticed where JESUS CHRIST body was laid, and these women who had supported JESUS CHRIST'S ministry returned to their homes to prepare more spices for the finish of preparing the body for burial (Read Luke 23: 55-56). The Sabbath had interrupted the women preparations, so, they returned on Sunday morning to complete the process (Luke 24: 1). Upon their arrival to the sepulchre, the women found that the stone to the sepulchre had been rolled away (Luke 24: 2). The women being curious entered into the sepulchre and found not the body of JESUS CHRIST (Luke 24: 3). Instead, the women found an empty tomb, and the

women were perplexed or disturbed and amazed that JESUS CHRIST was not there, but behold two men stood by the women in shining garments (Luke 24: 4). The women were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, and the two men that stood in shining garments asked the women, why seeketh you the living among the dead (Luke 24: 5)? The two men said that JESUS CHRIST is not here, but that HE is risen: remember how JESUS CHRIST spoke unto you when JESUS CHRIST was yet in Galilee, saying, that the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again (Luke 24: 6-7). When hearing this, the women remembered JESUS CHRIST'S words, and left the sepulchre, and told all these things to the eleven, and unto all the rest (Luke 24: 8-9).

**Amazing Encounters!**

### **Lesson Pointer # 2**

- **The Apostles Encounter (Luke 24: 10-12)**

Now, the women who reported what they had seen and heard, were identified as Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and other women who told the Apostles their amazing encounter with JESUS CHRIST (Luke 24: 10). Upon hearing the women report, the Apostles did not believe them, and thought that their story was nonsense, and idle tales or hysteria (Luke 24: 11). But, Peter, however, got up and ran to the sepulchre. Arriving to the sepulchre, Peter, bend over, and he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves (neatly placed, and in order), but not seeing JESUS CHRIST; Peter left away wondering to himself what had happened (Luke 24: 12). Peter's, unbelieving can be contributed to the fact that they had witness the death of JESUS CHRIST, and that their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs died an excruciating painful death. These Apostles of JESUS CHRIST were in shock and despair, because they could not believe that anyone could be alive after such a death as JESUS CHRIST had experienced; they were looking at the physical realm (that which one sees with their senses; sight, taste, touch, smell, and hearing) and not in the Spiritual realm (which is the key principles, beliefs and values that gives meaning and purpose to ones life). JESUS CHRIST is the key principles, in which Christians, beliefs and values, gives purpose for their lives. Now, this is why, we as Christians are to worship JESUS CHRIST in Spirit and in Truth (Read John 4: 23-24).

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### **Lesson Nuggets:**

- 1) **JESUS CHRIST is alive and not died, remember JESUS CHRIST'S words (Luke 24: 6-8; John 2: 22).**
- 2) **Christians do not seek JESUS CHRIST among the died (Luke 24: 5).**
- 3) **Christian are to witness JESUS CHRIST'S birth, death, burial, resurrection, ascension, and JESUS CHRIST returning (Luke 24: 9; Matthew 28: 8).**
- 4) **Therefore, as Christians, we are to do everything decently and in order (Luke 24: 12; 1 Corinthians 14: 40).**