

SERMON NOTES

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“Finding the Body, Seeing the Tomb”

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Introduction - some thoughts on “Prince Caspian”

Text - Luke 24:1-12 and John 20:6,7

Main Idea - Many have noted that the early Christ-followers exhibited “exemplary disbelief”... in other words, they acted as those who didn’t believe what they were seeing. The resurrection of Jesus was not a fabricated story, but a “pivot point” in all of history. Luke wants his hearers to be gripped by the events by using very unusual witnesses:

- I. What the women saw - and found comforting
 - don’t confuse the spectacular with “The Son”
 - A. What they found and didn’t find
 - B. What they heard

- II. What the men heard - and found confusing
 - don’t doubt the message because of the messengers
 - A. A “group” story
 - B. A “group” selection

- Illustration - on “Confusion about God’s workings”

- III. What Peter found - and found confounding
 - don’t miss the sign in the spectacle
 - the “message” in the grave cloths materials...

Conclusion