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¹ Now upon the first day of the week / and that would begin around 6:00pm Saturday evening when the sun went down; this Feast of Firstfruits, the 3rd great Feast of the Lord... Moses told us about it,

very early in the morning / the word in Greek is: **bathus**. Luke is using a word suggesting deep, profound time... late into Saturday night; or shortly after midnight Sunday, the 3rd watch of the night,

they came to the tomb, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others were with them.

- ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb.
- ³ And they entered in, and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.
- ⁴ And it happened, as they were very perplexed about it/ the word is: diaporeo; what they saw stunned them. Suddenly, their plans to embalm the body were immediately interrupted, and what these courageous women who had stood by Jesus at His crucifixion... what they now came upon at the tomb, what they saw... puzzled them; as they stood there with doubt, and suspicion, and disbelief, and

hesitation, still holding on to the embalming spices they brought to honor the dead... whatever they saw

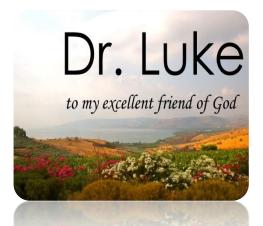
suspended their expectation,

Luke writes...

Pay attention, two men stood by them clothed in shining apparel / notice Luke expresses the surprise and terror of those going early to the tomb.

⁵ And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, these two men said to them / somewhat gently chiding; or even reprimanding them,

Why do you seek the living among the dead?





Day 3: Firstfruits



⁶ He is not here, but is risen / in other words: Jesus is not to be sought among the dead; because He is no longer dead... these words attested to in the very old P75 MSS and many others: these two men begin prompting these confused, frightened visitors... with words Jesus spoke as He walked among them.





Remember how He spoke to you when He was yet in Galilee,

- ⁷ Saying, The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and the third day rise again? / how did those two angels know all these details and probably other examples of Jesus instructing His disciples? Oh, yeah! They are servants of the Lord; silent and swift; guardians of Jesus... perhaps, like the two cherubim watching over the ark.
- ⁸ And they remembered His words / Luke tells us: when they recalled what the Lord previously said -- and He always speaks truth, suddenly lights turned on,
- ⁹ And returned from the tomb, and told all these things to the eleven, and to all the rest.
- ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and other women that were with them who told these things to the apostles / here, Luke reminds the readers: it was the same women who ministered to Jesus... who followed Jesus all the way He was going; and little did they know, He was going to the cross, and to the grave, and to resurrection: these women followed Him ministering to Him... all the way, they told these things to these rugged fishermen who were hiding in fear.
- ¹¹ And their words seemed to them as idle tales, and... they did not believe them.
- ¹² Then Peter got up, and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he beheld / he saw the linen clothes laid by themselves / how long was Peter there? We do not know.

and departed / amazed; astonished, wondering in himself, what happened / and each of these highly compressed stories... leaves us with a thousand questions we have... for 2,000 years! And NO answers! For Peter, What took him so long? And when he finally got there... What did it look like? And what was he thinking? How long was he there?

Later in the day...on this Feast of Firstfruits... this first day of Resurrection, we read...

- ¹³ And pay attention, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem / and because no scholar is 100% certain of this location, the distances at best indicate rough estimates; some suggest 6 miles west of Jerusalem. But do not lose faith! Even in our hi-tech society, our GPS isn't reliable.
- 14 And together they talked about all these things that occurred.
- ¹⁵ And it happened, while they were discussing and disagreeing, Jesus himself approached, and went with them / always the good Shepherd gathering His sheep.
- ¹⁶ But they were prevented to recognize Him.
- ¹⁷ And He asked them, What is this dispute you have with one another, as you walk?



And they stopped, being very miserable.

¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas / possibly an uncle of Jesus, sizing up the situation, said.

Are you the only foreigner in Jerusalem,

who doesn't know what occurred there these days?



¹⁹ And Jesus asked them.

What things? / it's sort of funny!

And they said to Him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in speech and action, before God and all the people:

 20 And how our foolish chief priests and rulers handed Him over to be condemned to death,

and crucified Him.

By the way, if Jesus really didn't die, and survived the crucifixion... how on earth did He walk all those miles... with those huge gashes in His feet? There are lots of goofy theories resisting the resurrection of Christ. He arose! These people gave their lives to let us know this unusual... incredibly good news.

²¹ But we were hoping that it was He who would redeem Israel:

and beside all this,

it is the third day since these things were done / and count the days:

as Jonah was in the belly of the whale 3 days and 3 nights: Good Wednesday, late afternoon... to Thursday, late afternoon, Day 1; to Friday, late afternoon, Day 2; to Saturday, late afternoon, Day 3: 3 full days.

²² Yes, and certain women also of our group astonished us / they amazed us, who were early at the tomb;

²³ And when they did not find His body,



they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision / horao: a dream-like event that they saw, what they perceived... what appeared: this word was previously used when on the Mount of Transfiguration Peter, James and John were ordered by Jesus... not to tell what they had seen;



previously, Luke wrote when an angel of the Lord stood by the side of the altar... what dream-like event Zachariah saw that troubled him and caused him fear... serving in the temple... and he wasn't sleep walking!

a vision of angels / this word is: optasia; meaning, to see; we know the word: optics, optometry; this word is not to be confused with horama = dreams or dream-like experience always to instruct or give direction to prophets; Dr. Luke is telling us, the women didn't need new glasses... probably better... this word should have been translated,

a visit / you know, a visitor comes to look, right? Now that word usually means: to chat; but we know better; especially when we have made a doctor's visit... and we don't expect the doctor just to chat,



and what they saw troubled them and caused them fear / and what did they see?

a visit of angels... who said He is alive.

²⁴ And certain of them who were with us went to the tomb, and found it exactly as the women said: but they did not see Him.



²⁵ **Then Jesus said to them, O fools** / goofy as the Galatians, **slow of heart** / slower than snails, **to believe all the prophets have spoken** / and the prophets told us lots of things, for example...

Wasn't the Christ / the Messiah...to suffer these things? / wasn't He a suffering Servant as well as our coming King? In other words, so do the math! First... there is suffering these things

2 and then enter into His glory.

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