



Living Among the Dead

“And you were dead in the trespasses and sin, in which you once walked , following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.” (Ephesians 2:1-3)

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb,³ but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵ And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here, but has risen

⁸ And they remembered his words,⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.

¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹ but these words seemed to the man
idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter rose and
ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what

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- ❑ A question that simultaneously serves as a rebuke, “Why do you seek the living among the dead?”

“The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on THE THIRD DAY BE RAISED.” Luke 9:22

“Let these words sink into your ears [PAY ATTENTION]: The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men.” Luke 9:44

“For he will be delivered over to Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the THIRD DAY HE WILL RISE.” Luke 18:32-33

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- ❑ The ladies didn't know it but they were looking in the wrong place.
- ❑ Why? They had forgotten the truth that had been told by Jesus that He would rise again.
- ❑ Congregation, how are we guilty of looking in the wrong places for the answers for salvation?

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❑ Where are we going for life?

“He [Jesus] himself borne our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and LIVE TO RIGHTEOUSNESS. By his wounds you have been healed.” 1 Peter 2:24

❑ Jesus redeemed us from the punishment and effects of sin, DEATH, in our life by bearing our sins in His death on the cross. We have been forgiven, and most importantly, DELIVERED from the power of sin on our lives.

❑ How are you LIVING AMONG THE DEAD?

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Application

- Christian do not forget the precious promises that God has given to us in His Word so that we can walk by faith, in hope, with eternal life now and forevermore.
- When it comes to looking for answers and truth in life, would you make it a point to turn to God in prayer and His Word first?

2. Idle Tales

- ❑ It was an “idle tale” to the disciples because of the unbelievability of a man rising from the grave.
- ❑ The gospel of Jesus Christ seems like an “idle tale” to us because it seems too good to be true.
- ❑ But, just because it seems impossible because of the abundant grace and love shown to us undeservedly does not make the truth impossible.

2. Idle Tales

- ❑ It is not an “idle tale” today that you can be forgiven and experience the RESURRECTION AND LIFE in your life, the forgiveness of sins.

Application

- ❑ Share this seemingly “idle tale” (the Gospel) with others and live out its validity in your life by living in surrender to Jesus as your LORD.
- ❑ Celebrate today the life that has been given to you marked by this Resurrection Sunday everyday, everywhere, and with everything you have because God deserves the glory due His name from you!



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