

## Luke 24:1–12 (ESV)

## “Resurrection Grace”

<sup>1</sup>But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared.

<sup>2</sup>And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

<sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel.

<sup>5</sup>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?”

<sup>6</sup>He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.”

### Why is Death so Scary?

*What are some elements that explain why death and its context is unsettling for us?*

*Why aren't the promises of Scripture regarding our lives and death not always enough to guard our hearts from the fear of death and the grave?*

*Verses 6 and 7 serve as a clear reminder from the angels to the women not to be confused, afraid or surprised by an empty tomb...*

*So how are we here and now to be better prepared with similar trials in our walks with Christ?*

*(note the grace applied here to the women and their response in verse 8...this same grace applies to us as well!)*

<sup>8</sup>And they remembered his words,

<sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.

<sup>10</sup>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,

<sup>11</sup>but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

<sup>12</sup>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 had happened.

### Why Isn't Unbelief as Scary?

*What are the characteristics of the disciples' unbelief here that are so scary?!*

*How do we show unbelief in and about Christ in our daily lives?*

*How do we defeat this unbelief?*

*In active terms, what is the opposite of unbelief? If the disciples here had responded with faith instead of unbelief, how would the narrative have been different?*