

Luke 24 - To Do His Work, God Often Chooses People the World Snubs

At dawn one Sunday, a small group of women readied for a solemn task. They walked to a cemetery to finish their work. Jesus died Friday afternoon. Because of Jewish law, the women couldn't complete the task of preparing their loved one's body for burial. The Sabbath began Friday at sundown. They could do no work until Saturday at sunset. On Saturday evening, they probably purchased spices, intending to finish their assignment first thing Sunday morning.

The events they witnessed on Friday deeply troubled them. They saw their gentle, innocent friend wickedly executed. They watched helplessly as soldiers nailed his bleeding, naked body to a cross. Soldiers mocked him and gambled for his clothes. Passers-by jeered. After their captive died, a soldier rammed a sword into his side. In one of the few compassionate acts of the day, a wealthy man named Joseph placed the remains in his own tomb.

That Sunday morning, one task worried the women. How could they remove the huge stone that sealed the tomb's entrance? Strange events greeted them. An earthquake shook the area. They trembled even more when they saw that the massive stone at the grave entrance was already rolled back. Two men whose clothes gleamed like lightning were nearby. Those heavenly messengers told the women, Jesus **"is not here; he is risen!"**

At the time, Jewish courts of law did not accept a woman's testimony yet they became the very first witnesses to the Son of God's resurrection, The Lord still uses folks the world wouldn't choose. Tell others of the good things Jesus has done for you. Give Him the credit. As he did with the women, God will mightily employ you.

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