

Sermon Questions: Believe Her

Luke 24:1-12

1. Share an early memory, positive or negative, of hearing a sermon. Who was preaching? Do you remember the topic or any insights you gained?
2. How important is the preacher to the sermon that is preached? In other words, how much do you think the personality of the messenger affects the message?
3. Have you ever felt like an outcast or at least not fully included? What kind of feelings does that memory stir up?
4. According to ancient Jewish burial practices, the men could have helped properly bury Jesus' body. Why do you think they stayed behind as the women went to the tomb?
5. If you were in the place of the women who discovered the empty tomb, what words would you use to announce the resurrection to the rest of the disciples?
6. Read John 20:11-18. What are some of the differences between these two accounts of the empty tomb? Instead of focusing on the question of accuracy or inaccuracy, what message does the particular emphasis of Luke's Gospel have when compared with John's account?
7. What is the relationship between the resurrection and our belief in the "priesthood of all believers"?
8. Pastor Matt shares stories of many gifted female preachers and the obstacles they faced in their ministry. How closely do you identify

with these experiences? Have you or your loved ones faced similar challenges in the workplace?

9. When we are confronted with a perplexing story, we have a choice between trusting or doubting.
 - a. Do you start from a place of trust or doubt?
 - b. What can sway you from this original position?
 - c. What are the benefits and challenges with your personal approach?
10. How does our church put into practice the belief that everyone is capable of proclaiming the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ? What opportunities do we have to live it out more faithfully?
11. In what ways can you “practice resurrection”? What opportunities do you have to empower others in their ministry?
12. Think about three people you encounter on a regular basis who might feel like an outcast. What can you say or do this week to encourage them out of isolation and into inclusion?