

It's a Spirit Thing

- Overcoming doubt
- Key to understanding the resurrection is the Holy Spirit

The Setting

- **First day of the week**
- **Passover completed**
- **Burial preparations can be made**
- **The women**
- **What was going through their minds?**

The Empty Tomb

- Stone rolled away and tomb empty
- What would have been your reaction?
 - Who took the body?
 - Why would they do such a horrible thing?

Report of the Angels

In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: `The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" (Luke 24:5-7)

Report of the Women

- **Women tell disciples and others their incredible story**
- **How do the disciples react?**
- **First century culture: story told by women would be met with suspicion**
- **Peter checks things out for himself**
 - **Discovers what the women told him**

Implications for Us



- **Are we still wondering if the resurrection is real?**
- **Are we still pondering its implication in our lives?**
- **Do we believe what we believe because we have had an encounter with the living Lord?**
- **Are we still on the fence? Still wondering?**

Implications for Us

A wooden cross stands on a rocky, dry hillside under a warm, golden sunset sky. The foreground shows a stone wall with a wooden door frame, suggesting an ancient site. The overall scene is peaceful and evocative of a religious or historical setting.

- **Jesus is alive!**
- **He rules and reigns among us**
- **Experience His love and reassurance**
- **He brings peace and contentment**
- **Can you declare the same?**