

## **They remembered His Words**

Luke 24:1-8, "On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them.

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.' " Then they remembered His words..."

*"We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will turn him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!" (Matthew 20:18-19)*

### **“They remembered His Words”**

They had been ministering with Jesus for over 3 years. But now Jesus had died and was buried. Their hope of Jesus establishing a kingdom here on earth were shattered. They were so discouraged. They had secretly hoped that Jesus would bring deliverance from the Roman occupation forces. They had forgotten His words, that he would come back and rise on the third day!

It is important to remember the words of Jesus especially when you are discouraged and down hearted.

The disciples had been with Jesus for 3 ½ years . They had witnessed the many miracles and even had seen the dead being raised to life. Now their leader had died and was no more. Of the 11 remaining disciples, 5 went back to their old profession of fishing. But they caught nothing. They were even more discouraged!

They had forgotten the word of Jesus. They felt alone and thought there was no future.

Some of you may be discouraged also. You have no job, your money is gone. Your plans did not materialize. You feel lonely. You feel rejected. No body wants you. People have broken their promises. You have lost self confidence. You think you are a nobody. You question the future. In fact you may even question God. Where is God? There is no answer to my prayers Heaven is silent.

God sent two angels to remind them that Jesus was alive. They said “Why do you seek you the living among the dead? Jesus is not in the tomb. He is alive! Remember His words.” Then they remembered His words and hope and joy returned.

**Do you feel lonely?** Remember His words...

“And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28:20)

**Are you tired and discouraged?** Remember His Words...

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.  
(Matthew 11:28

**Do you have a problem relating to your father and mother?** Remember His Words...

"Honor your father and mother"--which is the first commandment with a promise-- "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." (Ephesians 6:1)

**Do you have a problem forgiving some one?** Remember His words...

“For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.  
(Matthew 6:14)

**Do you feel lost?** Remember His Words...

“I am the way the truth and the life” (John 14:6)

**Do you feel like you are living in darkness?** Remember His words...

“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” (John 8:12)

**Are you afraid for the future?** Remember His words...

“But now, this is what the LORD says--

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

I have summoned you by name; you are mine.” (Isaiah 43:1)

**Are you hungry? Remember His words...**

"I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty." (John 6:35)

**Are you concerned about life? Remember His words...**

"I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:9-10)

**Do you need guidance in your life? Remember His words...**

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (John 10:11)

**Are you worried about death? Remember His words...**

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25)

**Are you worried about your connections? Remember His words...**

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful." (John 15:1)

**Are you listening to your king? Are you remembering His words?**

"You are a king, then?" asked Pilate. (His judge)

Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." (John 18:37)

Praise God, Jesus is alive. He never ever changes. He is all powerful. He is almighty. With Him nothing is impossible. He never ever disappoints any one who put his trust in Him. He is the miracle worker. He opens doors and closes doors. He loves you. He died for you. He is able to take care of you, no matter who you are and whatever your needs may be.

Remember His words...

Of all the commandments, which is the most important? "The most important one," answered Jesus, is this: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these " (Mark 12:30-31)