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LUKE 24:5b-6a

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*24 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. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. 5 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? 6 He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 7 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " 8 Then they remembered his words.*

Memory is a powerful thing: A sound, a smell, a color; all of them, and so much more, can remind us of something from our past. Sometimes those memories are pleasant and fill us with a sense of joy. At other times they are difficult, and they bring upon us a sense of sadness.

As the women went to the tomb that morning they were filled with many memories. Some memories brought a smile to their face. Maybe it was a time when Jesus took a little child upon his knee and played with them, or perhaps it was a time when they witnessed a miracle.

Some of the most recent memories, though, would have been heartbreaking. Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion. Those memories would be the ones that were most alive in their hearts on that day as they walk to the tomb.

Once at the tomb they are challenged to use memory to lift their spirits and have faith. The two men clothed in white ask them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He's not here! He has risen remember how he told you..."

May we remember the promise that the resurrection brings. May we remember that His resurrection is but the first of many yet to be as we have faith in him. May our memories of Easter fill us with joy as we remember the promise of Easter not just on this day but all days. Amen!

Join with us in worship to create new memories this year as we celebrate our faith!

May the blessings of our Risen Lord fill you with life,

Pastor Vic

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES**



**MAUNDY THURSDAY** – Please join us on Thursday, April 14th at 7:00 pm for our Maundy Thursday worship service.

**GOOD FRIDAY** – Please join us on Friday, April 15th, at 7:00 pm for the Good Friday service.

**EASTER** – Please join us on Sunday, April 17th, with worship service 9:30 am.