

# Easter | SERMON NOTES

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**John 19:38-42** (NLT)

Afterward Joseph of Arimathea, who had been a secret disciple of Jesus (because he feared the Jewish leaders), asked Pilate for permission to take down Jesus' body. When Pilate gave permission, Joseph came and took the body away.<sup>39</sup> With him came Nicodemus, the man who had come to Jesus at night. He brought about seventy-five pounds of perfumed ointment made from myrrh and aloes.<sup>40</sup> Following Jewish burial custom, they wrapped Jesus' body with the spices in long sheets of linen cloth.<sup>41</sup> The place of crucifixion was near a garden, where there was a new tomb, never used before.<sup>42</sup> And so, because it was the day of preparation for the Jewish Passover and since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

**Luke 24:1-12** (NLT)

But very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared.<sup>2</sup> They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance.<sup>3</sup> So they went in, but they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus.<sup>4</sup> As they stood there puzzled, two men suddenly appeared to them, clothed in dazzling robes.<sup>5</sup> The women were terrified and bowed with their faces to the ground. Then the men asked, "Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive?"<sup>6</sup> He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Remember what he told you back in Galilee,<sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and that he would rise again on the third day."<sup>8</sup> Then they remembered that he had said this.<sup>9</sup> So they rushed back from the tomb to tell his eleven disciples—and everyone else—what had happened.<sup>10</sup> It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and several other women who told the apostles what had happened.<sup>11</sup> But the story sounded like nonsense to the men, so they didn't believe it.<sup>12</sup> However, Peter jumped up and ran to the tomb to look. Stooping, he peered in and saw the empty linen wrappings; then he went home again, wondering what had happened.

**The first sermon ever preached in the church was an Easter message.**

**Acts 2:22-24** (GNT)

**The message of Easter is found throughout the Bible!**

**Romans 6:9** (NCV)

**1 Corinthians 15:3-4** (NIV)

**2 Corinthians 4:14** (NCV)

**Ephesians 1:19-20** (NLT)

**Philippians 3:10** (NLT)

**1 Peter 1:21** (NLT)

**Revelation 1:18** (NLT)

## 3 Important Statements

**Statement #1: Jesus is good!**

**Psalm 34:8** (NIV)

*Taste and see that the LORD is good...*

"Nothing shows you how good Jesus is like the resurrection!"

**Statement #2: Jesus walked out of the tomb to give you a new life!**

**John 10:10** (GNT)

*"I have come in order that you might have life—life in all its fullness."*

**Luke 2:11** (NIV)

**Matthew 1:21** (NIV)

**1 Timothy 1:15** (NCV)

**1 Peter 1:3** (NIV)

**Statement #3: Surrendering your life over to the resurrected Jesus is the only way to receive the free gift of a new life!**

**John 3:3** (NLT)

*Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God."*

**John 1:10-13** (NLT)

**John 3:16** (NIV)

**1 John 5:11-12** (NIV)

**John 11:25** (NCV)

*"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will have life even if they die."*