

## **First Witnesses of the Resurrection**

**Lesson aim:** To examine the evidence for the bodily resurrection of Jesus.

**The tomb visited by the women--Mt. 28:1; (Mk. 16:1)**

**The stone rolled away--Mt. 28:2-4**

1. *What explanation did Matthew give for the removal of the stone from the tomb?*

**The tomb found to be empty by the women--Mt. 28:5-8; (Mk. 16:2-8; Lk. 24:1-8; Jn. 20:1)**

1. *What testimony did the angels of God give the women who first came to the tomb? What proof did they give to support their claim?*

**The tomb found to be empty by Peter and John--Lk. 24:9-11; (Jn. 20:2-10)**

1. *Were the apostles disposed to believe the testimony of the women?*
2. *What evidence of resurrection did Peter and John note when they came to the tomb?*

**Appearance to Mary Magdalene--Mk. 16:9-11; (Jn. 20:11-18)**

1. *What did the person at the tomb say to Mary that indicated that he was Jesus?*

## **Appearance to the other women--Mt. 28:9-10**

## **Report of the soldiers to the Jewish authorities--Mt. 28:11-15**

1. *How does the report of the soldiers contact support the claim that Jesus was raised?*

## **Appearance to two disciples traveling to Emmaus--Mk. 16:12-13; (Lk. 24:13-32)**

1. *How did Jesus help these disciples to understand the fact that He had been raised from the dead?*
2. *What sign did Jesus give to confirm the message He had delivered to these disciples?*

## **Report of the two disciples to the rest (1 Cor. 15:5)--Lk. 24:33-35**

1. *To what other person did Jesus appear personally after his resurrection from the dead?*

### ***For Discussion:***



***What principles would govern whether or not we believe the testimony of others? Is it possible to believe in miraculous events on the basis of these principles? Will the testimony of the disciples sustain critical examination?***