

ADDED HINTS AND HELPS

In this section will be found further assistance under several headings.

Lesson Outline

THE RESURRECTION MORNING

I. *The Empty Sepulchre.*

1. The errand of the women.
2. The earthquake and the angel.
3. The stupor of the guards.

II. *The Message of the Angel.*

1. A reassuring word.
2. A glad announcement.
3. A reminder of the Lord's words.
4. An invitation to examine.
5. An important duty.
6. A great promise.

III. *The Meeting with Jesus.*

1. The fear and joy of the women.
2. Their ready obedience.
3. The Lord's gracious greeting.
4. The women's worship.
5. The disciples recognized as brethren.
6. A meeting appointed.

IV. *The Report of the Soldiers.*

1. Made to the chief priests.
2. A bribe given.
3. A false explanation concocted.
4. Protection promised.
5. The relief of the Jews.

Lesson Points

Love endures, even though faith may fail.

v. 1.

Ruin is the sure result of resistance against heaven. v. 3.

The friends of Jesus have no foe whom they need fear. v. 5.

The faith of the Christian rests upon a solid basis of fact. v. 6.

In the light of every vision we see a task. v. 7.

It is those who do the will of Christ who enjoy most of His presence. v. 9.

Belief in Christ is the truest bond of brotherhood. v. 10.

The soul should have its places of meeting with the Saviour. v. 10.

Nothing is more credulous than unbelief. v. 15.

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The women's faith had failed them, too. It was with no hope of seeing a risen Lord that they had gone to the tomb—it was with spices to finish the embalming of His dead body; but their love, love stronger than death, even in the wreck of faith, kept them near; and so it was that, when light first broke from out of the darkness, they were there to see.—Dr. J. Monro Gibson.

At this day there are ancient tombs outside Jerusalem, with their stones which serve as doors. Such a stone is like a thick, solid wheel, with a protuberance from the circumference at one side which serves to weigh it down and keep it in place when the stone is rolled against the mouth of the tomb. It runs in a deep groove cut in the rock.—Professor W. F. Adeney in, *The Century Bible*.

We do know that when angels have appeared on earth, there has been a strange humanness about them. They have not even had the fictitious wings which poetry has woven for them; they have nearly always appeared wearing the human face divine, and speaking with the tongues and in the tones of men, as if it were their native speech.—Henry Burton.

If He is gone away, yet He has given us in His Holy Spirit a nearer sense of His presence, a closer enfoldings in the arms of His tenderness, than we could have enjoyed even if we had lived with Him of old in the home in Nazareth, or sailed with Him in the little boat over the crystal waters of Gennesareth.—Farrar.

When I go down to the grave I can say, like so many others, "I have finished my day's work"; but I cannot say, "I have finished my life." My day's work will begin again next morning. The tomb is not a blind alley, it is a thoroughfare. It closes in the twilight, to open with the dawn.—Victor Hugo.

Topics for Brief Papers

(To be ready on the day of the Lesson)

1. Women in the Gospels.
2. Jesus and the angels.