

it, but without any reference to a word on the matter that came out of His mouth? This it was! They *beheld* the sepulchre and how His body was laid, and then they went to prepare the spices and ointments, but they did not *remember His words*. If they had remembered His words, they would on this third day, have gone to see the empty sepulchre, and to look for their risen Lord; and the very sight of the stone rolled away would have been a joyous sight, and not to have found the body of the Lord Jesus, would have been a sight more joyous still. But the very acts by which the purposes of God are accomplished, will perplex those who have not communion with the mind of God, in those acts. They who saw His works for forty years, but did not learn His ways, could not enter into His rest; and therefore the word of warning is, "To-day if ye will *hear His voice*, harden not your hearts." Heb. iii.

But God was merciful to those poor ignorant women, who though ignorant yet were full of love to Jesus, and He sent the two men in shining garments to say to them, "Why seek ye Him that liveth among the dead? He is not here, but is risen; remember how He spake unto you when He was yet in Galilee, saying, The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. And they remembered His words."

And even the very apostles themselves were in a worse state than those women. God would warn