

## “On the First Day of the Week”

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**Key Truth:** Because of Christ’s Resurrection, the First Day of the Week challenges our old expectations, reminds us of the gospel, and gives us a new story to tell.

Think about all the “first days” you’ve had in your life. “First day” implies a new start: new week, new season, new year, each offering new opportunities to begin again. Yet, maybe your first days have not turned out like you’d hoped. On another “first day,” the day Jesus was raised from the dead, things were different for a group of women—Christ followers. On that day, they saw something they weren’t looking for, but also something that changed them forever. They came seeking Jesus, but not the Jesus they expected. They thought they were coming to serve a dead “Jesus.” It turns out God had different plans – resurrection plans. The women expected to *do* something; they didn’t expect to *learn* something.

### DISCUSS

Read **Luke 24:1-9** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon entitled “**On the First Day of the Week.**”

### DIG IN

#### 1. An Unexpected Discovery. (vv. 1-5)

**Read Luke 23:55-56:** What were the women doing that morning and why?

What did they expect to find? What did they actually find?

What did the men (vv. 4-5) mean when they said, “Why do you seek the living among the dead?”

#### 2. A Gospel Reminder. (vv. 6-8)

**Read Luke 9:44-45:** When Jesus told them what was to happen to him (the women were also following Jesus at the time, see Luke 8:1-3), why didn’t they understand? Why is that significant?

Why is it important to be reminded of Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection?

Do you think it’s important that the Church now worships on the first day of the week? Why?

#### 3. A New Story to Tell. (v. 9)

What is the “old story” that the women had expected to tell? What is the “new story” they now told (see v. 10)?

In what ways do we sometimes “seek the living among the dead?” What should the first day of the week teach us?

### DO

What lessons do you learn from these verses that you will take with you throughout the coming week?