

## Insights from Resurrection Witnesses Luke 24:1-12 (Easter 4/16/17)

Three stunning days of Redemption changed the world forever. His Trials, Crucifixion, and Resurrection. Easter is the *linchpin* of Christianity. Without it, Jesus is merely a misguided martyr. With it, He *validates* every claim of Scripture and becomes humanity's Hope. Let's glean *insight* from the tomb's witnesses.

**1<sup>st</sup> His Foes (Matt 27:66 & 28:4)** *"They...sealed the stone and set the guard" Since the Garden, Satan and his allies have conspired to silence the Son.*  
Key: No power on earth could keep Christ in the tomb!

**2<sup>nd</sup> The First-fruits (7)** *"The Son must be delivered...crucified...rise again" Satan was crushed, Creation rejoiced, and the Grave was vanquished!*  
Key: Now, no power on earth can keep His Children in the grave.

**3<sup>rd</sup> The Father (2)** *"They found the stone rolled away from the tomb..." The Father, who received His Spirit on Friday, returned it on Sunday!*  
Key: Friday's Sacrificial Lamb emerged as Sunday's Conquering King.

**4<sup>th</sup> The Faithful (1-3; 10)** *"They...came to the tomb bringing the spices..." God rewarded the faithfulness of the women.*  
Key: God rewards the committed who faithfully follow Him *alone*.

**5<sup>th</sup> The Forerunners (4-6)** *"Two men stood by them...He is not here...Risen!" The heavenly messengers remind us of the message of Easter.*  
Key: God still needs faithful couriers to herald the Easter story.

**6<sup>th</sup> The Faithless (9; 11)** *"They told all these things... they did not believe" Like the twelve, people in every generation struggle with the Easter story.*  
Key: Faith is the currency of the Kingdom, *invest it!*

**7<sup>th</sup> The Forgiven (12)** *"Peter arose and ran to the tomb...departed marveling" Peter's story of restoration gives us all hope!*  
Key: God can work in the lives of those who urgently come to Him.

**8<sup>th</sup> The Followers (31)** *"Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him..." The Road to Emmaus extends into every community in every century.*  
Key: Jesus is communicating, be sure you are listening.

**Application:** Easter is more than an *annual* event. Jesus intends for us to experience the power of His Resurrection *daily*. By faith, you can *know* Him and the *power* of His Resurrection (Phil 3:10). Make your journey to the tomb today!