

# Luke 24:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre;

## Analysis

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**Certain women also of our company made us astonished** (γυναῖκές τινες ἐξ ἡμῶν ἐξέστησαν ἡμᾶς, gynaiques tines ex hēmōn exestēsan hēmas)—The verb *existēmi* (astonished/amazed) literally means 'to stand outside oneself,' indicating overwhelming bewilderment rather than believing joy. Luke emphasizes the women's early arrival (**which were early at the sepulchre**, ὥρθηναι ἐπὶ τὸ μνῆμεῖον, orthrinai epi to mnēmeion), contrasting their faithfulness with male disciples' absence.

The phrase **of our company** (ἐξ ἡμῶν, ex hēmōn) acknowledges these women as full members of Jesus' disciple community—Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James (24:10). Yet the men's response was skeptical dismissal (v. 11: 'idle tales'). The women's testimony, though legally inadmissible in first-century courts, became the resurrection's first proclamation.

## Historical Context

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Women visiting tombs at dawn to complete burial rites was customary Jewish practice, as the Sabbath had prevented proper preparation. However, women's testimony carried no legal weight in Jewish or Roman courts. Luke's emphasis on female witnesses demonstrates the gospel's counter-cultural elevation of women and historical authenticity—no fabricated account would feature women as primary witnesses.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. Why did God choose women as the first resurrection witnesses despite cultural dismissal of their testimony?
2. How does the disciples' astonishment without belief reflect modern skepticism toward miracle claims?
3. What does the women's early morning devotion teach about prioritizing Christ?

## Interlinear Text

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ἀλλὰ καὶ γυναῖκές τινες ἐξ ἡμῶν ἐξέστησαν  
Yea also women and certain of our company astonished  
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ἡμᾶς γενόμεναι ὀρθριαὶ ἐπὶ τὸ μνημεῖον  
us which were early at the sepulchre  
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