

Luke 24:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,

Analysis

The angels continue: 'He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee' (οὐκ ἔστιν ὧδε, ἀλλ' ἡγέρθη· μνήσθητε ὡς ἐλάλησεν ὑμῖν ἔτι ὧν ἐν τῇ Γαλιλαίᾳ). The passive 'ēgerthē' (ἡγέρθη, is risen) indicates divine action—God raised Jesus (Acts 2:24, Romans 6:4). The command 'mnēsthēte' (μνήσθητε, remember) calls them to recall Jesus' predictions, demonstrating Scripture's fulfillment and divine plan. That angels direct women to remember Jesus' words elevates their testimony and establishes them as first witnesses. The resurrection vindicates Jesus' claims, validates His atoning death, and guarantees believers' future resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:20-23).

Historical Context

Jesus had predicted His death and resurrection multiple times (Luke 9:22, 44, 18:31-33), but disciples failed to understand. Now, post-resurrection, angels help them connect prediction to fulfillment. In ancient Near Eastern culture, women's testimony was often discounted (they could not testify in court), making Jesus' choice of women as first witnesses remarkable. Luke emphasizes this: Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary mother of James, and 'other women' (v.10) became the first evangelists, though the eleven considered their words 'idle tales' (v.11) initially.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does the command to remember Jesus' words emphasize the importance of Scripture and fulfilled prophecy in faith?
2. What does Jesus' choice of women as first resurrection witnesses teach about the gospel's reversal of worldly status and honor?

Interlinear Text

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not	He is	here	but	is risen	remember	how	he spake
G3756	G2076	G5602	G235	G1453	G3415	G5613	G2980
ὑμῖν	ἔτι	ὡν	ἐν	τῇ	Γαλιλαίᾳ		
unto you	yet	when he was	in	G3588	Galilee		
G5213	G2089	G5607	G1722		G1056		

Additional Cross-References

Luke 9:22 (Resurrection): Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day.

Mark 8:31 (Resurrection): And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

Matthew 27:63 (Resurrection): Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again.

Luke 9:44 (Parallel theme): Let these sayings sink down into your ears: for the Son of man shall be delivered into the hands of men.

Matthew 28:6 (Resurrection): He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

Matthew 12:40 (Parallel theme): For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Matthew 16:21 (Resurrection): From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.