

“BUY THE SPICES, MAKE THE TRIP”

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Easter Sunday

ILLUSTRATION: Do You Believe In Easter?

(Mark 15:47 KJV) And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses beheld where he was laid.

(Mark 16:1 KJV) And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.

(Mark 16:2 KJV) And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.

(Mark 16:3 KJV) And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?

(Mark 16:4 KJV) And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great.

(Mark 16:5 KJV) And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted.

(Mark 16:6 KJV) And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.

1. Jewish Commentators tell us that it would take 20 average men to roll a small stone in front of a open sepulcher, and more than a Full Roman Guard of 18 burly soldiers to Roll a great stone in front of an open sepulcher.

A. Joseph of Arimathea was a wealthy man of influence with servants. He placed Jesus His own tomb and rolled a great stone in front of it.

B. The women watched the procedure and knew how large and heavy the stone was.

2. In their love for and desire to minister to Jesus, they forgot the size of the stone, and the strength it would take to move it so they might go in and place the spices on His Body.

A. Had they rationalized the situation and compared the great stone, to their ability to move it, they no doubt would not have bought the spices or made the trip.

B. But when you love someone as much as they loved Jesus, it is never a time for logic. When you have HOLY DESIRE.

- C. Logic never gets the stone moved, or gets a person moving in faith.
- 3. They are buying spices, planning the trip, not wondering about the stone at this time.**
- A. But when you are moving in love, not logic, moving in faith and desire, Something propels you to keep on going. Keep on moving toward Jesus.
 - B. The stone would be moved by the power of God who always responds to Love and faith, but never to men's logic.
- 4. Where will you put the question?**
- A. Before or after you buy the spices.
 - B. It matters because it can make the difference in whether you make the Trip.
 - C. A stone that can't stop praise.
 - D. Desire that defies the impossible.
 - E. Buy the spices, make the trip.
- 5. Easter Spices Aloe and myrrh. Easter Praise it the praise that.**
- A. Use to anoint the kings garments on his wedding night. (Anoints our Head)
 - B. Was in the Beloved's garden in the Song of Solomon. Sets the Atmosphere for relationship between Jesus and the church.
 - C. Was used to anoint the dead. Was placed on the body of Jesus.
 - D. Was a gift to Jesus at his birth.
 - E. One of the ingredients of anointing oil.
 - F. Used to deodorize clothes. (Change the atmosphere)
- 5. As with these first Easter worshipers, many of us have great stones that are blocking our lives to fullness, and blessing.**
- A. In this information age we know so much about our problems.
 - B. We've watched the strong men roll the great stone into our finances, marriages Children, spiritual lives. We know how hard it is. We have looked from a logical Viewpoint and there just seems no way to make it.
- 6. But if you love God, your family, your spouse, you can't always act logically, you've got to keep buying the spices, keep on praising God, keep on standing on His word, keep on showing love when it doesn't seem logical.**
- A. If I knew everything about life and the future, and if I looked at my need through the eyes of flesh, I'll never buy the spices, never plan the trip, never leave the house.
 - B. But the truth is, "God still moves stones, and no one who moves toward him in faith, and love, will get to the stone and find it unmoved.
- 7. So on this Easter Sunday, will you move toward the great stone, with love or logic?**

- A.** Go ahead buy the spices, worship in your bad times, love your family even when Logic says, “No”.
- B.** Why make the journey with love and not logic? You need a miracle, and only Jesus Can move the stone, and revive your marriage, your health, your children, you finances, and your spiritual life.

The rock that cried out
He is not here he is risen
Death can't hold you.
Nothing is impossible.