

The RIGHT PLACE

The proper place to seek Jesus is among the living. Jesus is NOT just another dead prophet! He is NOT just another martyred religious leader! He is NOT just an idol to be honored!

Jesus is the **risen and living King of kings and Lord of lords!**

The right place to find Jesus is in your sinfulness and need of forgiveness. The right place for others to find Jesus is **in your life!**

*“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, **I will come in to him**, and will sup with him, and he with me.” (Revelation 3:20)*

The RIGHT WAY

The correct way to express our love for Jesus is not with spices for the dead, but with **obedience to our living Savior!**

*“For whosoever shall **do the will of my Father** which is in heaven, the same **is my brother, and sister, and mother.**” (Matthew 12:50)*

Jesus clearly tells us that His “family” are those who are obedient to His Heavenly Father.

Real love manifests itself in action, but not just any actions... **yielding to God!** That is how we show our love for Jesus.

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## The RIGHT THINGS

We must honor Jesus with the right “things”. These include **diligently seeking Him...**

...studying the Scriptures  
...praying in agreement with the Bible  
...worshipping Jesus  
...fellowshipping with other believers  
...being witnesses for Christ

In these “things” we honor God. God rewards diligence.

*“But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that **he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.**” (Hebrews 11:6)*

Are we seeking the living among the dead?

If so, it is time to stop and start to diligently seek the living Jesus!

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*“And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, **Why seek ye the living among the dead?**” (Luke 24:5)*

## Looking For Love In The Wrong Place

*“Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, **they came unto the sepulchre** bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them.” (Luke 24:1)*

These women were filled with love for Jesus. They were seeking to express their love for Him by finalizing His burial. They wanted to honor their Messiah.

But they were looking for Jesus **in the WRONG PLACE!**

They were seeking to express their love for Jesus **in the WRONG WAY!**

They sought to honor Jesus **with the WRONG THINGS!**

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WHY DO YOU SEEK THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD?

The WRONG PLACE

These women, and all of Jesus' followers **should have known** that the tomb was the **WRONG PLACE** to look for Jesus!

Why? You might ask... **because He TOLD them what would happen!** Jesus told them that He would rise again on the third day!

*"For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and after that he is killed, **he shall rise the third day.**"* (Mark 9:31)

*"Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure **until the third day**, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first."* (Matthew 27:64)

Jesus Himself taught His disciples that He would rise from the dead on the third day. Even the religious leaders understood the words of Jesus and sought a guard for the tomb until the third day.

There is only one reason for the women to have headed for the tomb on Sunday morning... **UNBELIEF!**

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## The WRONG WAY

How were these women expressing their love for Jesus the **WRONG WAY?**

They came to anoint His **DEAD** body with burial spices. This was the culturally loving thing to do for the deceased.

However, this type of expression is not "loving" when one attempts to apply it to the **LIVING!**

*"If ye love me, **keep my commandments.**"*  
(John 14:15)

Obedience to the living God is the proper response of love.

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The WRONG THINGS

Spices for the dead are what the women intended to honor Jesus with.

*"For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, **she did it for my burial.**"* (Matthew 26:12)

It was appropriate for the woman with the alabaster box to anoint Jesus. He says that she was preparing for His burial.

It was not appropriate to bring spices to honor the resurrected Jesus.

You see, it is **very possible** to be doing the right things at the wrong times and for the wrong reasons. We must be very careful in our seeking to know Jesus that we search in the right places and in the correct context.

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## Sadly, Many Still Pursue The WRONG

Today, many are still looking for the **Living One** (Jesus) among the dead. But we should not be surprised when we see these things... God warned us that they would come!

*"For the time will come when they **will not endure sound doctrine**; but **wanting to have their ears tickled**, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires,"*  
(2 Timothy 4:3)

Those loving and grieving women going to the tomb to tend to the body of Jesus were very sincere. They truly loved Jesus and thought they were doing the right thing.

Somewhat similarly today, many who claim the Name of Jesus are very sincere. Many believe that they are doing the right thing.

However, there is a **VAST DIFFERENCE** between the women heading for the grave and many today... **THE TRUTH!**

When these women were confronted with the truth... **they radically changed!**

Sadly today, many **will not ENDURE sound doctrine**. Even when confronted with the truth... **they reject it** and refuse to change in agreement with the truth.

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