

## **“Things Accomplished Among Us” (Luke 1:1)**

*Selected Reflections From Luke*

### **Who Moved The Stone?**

#### **Luke 24**

We arrive today at Luke chapter 24. And I want to begin with these words Luke recorded in verse 2: “...they found the stone rolled away from the tomb.” These women came to further be of service to the body of Jesus, but “they found the stone rolled away from the tomb.”

This is the chapter in Luke reporting the historical truth of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. And there are remarkable statements that punctuate this narrative, like this in verse 5, “He is not here, but has risen,” or in verse 24 – “...Him they did not find.”

Paul wrote to the Corinthian church that this historical fact, attested by over 500 witnesses, is at the core of our belief in Jesus Christ. And, it is assurance that our hope is firm, that we – His people – will be raised to glory.

One of my favorite books, written by Frank Morison is entitled, “Who Moved the Stone.” The author set out to disprove the claim of Christ’s resurrection. He was a journalist, trained in discovering and examining evidence. As he became engaged in the process, he came to the conclusion, Jesus was raised from the dead. He wrote his story – actually the story of Christ – in a book, “Who Moved The Stone.”

Back to Paul’s letter to Corinth, that’s in 1 Cor. 15. I recommend you read that chapter and give your attention to this simple truth: **If Christ did not arise from the dead and ascend to the Father, our faith is vain.** Paul takes up that denial of the resurrection and loads several verses with the consequences of unbelief. The conclusion is – He is alive.

The practical response should be, as written in 1 Cor. 15:58 – His people should be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.

I hope that's what you are doing with your life – for the work of the Lord is not in vain.

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