


Week of April 20, 2025 - It was Necessary | Special Small Group Lesson

## Connect

Have you ever experienced a situation where your emotions changed quickly?

How did you handle it?

## Verses - Luke 24:1-9 (CSB)

**Read aloud:**

1 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came to the tomb, bringing the spices they had prepared.

2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb. 3 They went in but did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men stood by them in dazzling clothes. 5 So the women were terrified and bowed down to the ground.

"Why are you looking for the living among the dead? " asked the men. 6 "He is not here, but he has risen! Remember how he spoke to you when he was still in Galilee, 7 saying, 'It is necessary that the Son of Man be betrayed into the hands of sinful men, be crucified, and rise on the third day' ? " 8 And they remembered his words.

9 Returning from the tomb, they reported all these things to the Eleven and to all the rest.

**Briefly restate the context. How is it encouraging, challenging, comforting, etc.?**

# Study

**Answer the questions together based on the Bible verses:**

1. What did the women find when they arrived? What does the phrase "rolled away" suggest to you? How is it significant today?

2. In vv.4-5 describe the appearance of two men (angels). How did the women react, and what question did the angels ask? Why is this question and important one?

3. In vv.6-7, What important message did the angels give the women? What did the angels remind them of? (Pay attention to the phrase "it is necessary.")

# Share

**Discuss 1:**
In the message, Pastor Takeshi talked about the story of Geppetto and Pinocchio. How is it similar to and different from God's relationship with humanity, as described in the message? (Consider points like creation, disobedience, rescue, and the rescuer's power. )

**Discuss 2:**
The women become the first witnesses of the resurrection. What does it mean to be a "witness" today? How can and should we be witnesses such as this?

**Discuss 3:**
The angels say it was "necessary" for Jesus to rise. What does "necessary" mean in this context? Can you think of other things in life that might be "necessary" even if they are unexpected?

**Minister to one another through sharing specific prayer requests.**