

Words of Nonsense

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Luke 24:1-12 ¹On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷"The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" ⁸Then they remembered his words. ⁹When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But they did not believe the women, because **their words seemed to them like nonsense**. ¹²Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

Reasonable: After a human being has died, they should be treated with **dignity**.
V. 1

Reasonable: It is reasonable to believe that someone **rolled away** a heavy stone and that someone **stole** the body of Jesus. V. 2-3 Their first instinct would not be that He rose from the dead.

Unreasonable: **Angels** appeared to the women and said that Jesus had risen from the dead. V. 4-7, Mathew 28:5

Unreasonable: It is unreasonable that a claim by someone that they will **rise from the dead** would actually come true. V. 8 Any specific predictions are open to a high degree of skepticism.

Reasonable: It is reasonable for the disciples to think that the women **were crazy**. V. 9-11

Reasonable: Peter would want to **investigate** this for himself because obviously something had happened. V. 12

Conclusion: I Corinthians 1:18-19 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate." (NIV 84)