

SATURDAY, APRIL 18



Luke 24:4–7 ♦ Psalm 30:3–12

The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise. *Luke 24:7*

I Will Rise

What are you doing here?”

As far as I know, I haven’t spoken to an angel. But I can’t imagine (1) seeing two angels hanging out near a grave and (2) hearing them ask what I’m doing. Especially when my Lord appears to be missing.

“Remember? He told you this would happen.”

Yes, yes, Jesus did tell us that He would die and rise. And He did. He also told us that He would always be with us. And He is. He told us that He is preparing a place for us. He told us that He would return. He told us that we will rise from the dead and join Him for eternal life. Why do we doubt it?

“Made like Him, like Him we rise; Ours the cross, the grave, the skies” (*LSB* 469:5).

Yesterday, we talked about the glue of Baptism. In the waters of Baptism, we are united in the cross and the grave. Our sinful selves were drowned in the waters, and our sins were placed on the cross. We are also united in His resurrection. We have nothing to fear, for we will rise. Jesus told us so.

*Lord of Life, You promised to die and rise for us.
You promised to return for us and raise us to life.
We trust that what You say is true. Amen.*