

First Nations Version

Luke 24:1-35

It was now sunrise on the first day of the week. The women who had prepared the spices and oils were on their way to the burial cave. When they arrived they saw that the large stone in front of the cave had been rolled away. They went inside, only to find the body of the Creator Sets Free (Jesus) was gone!

They were standing there in amazement and wonder when suddenly two men appeared beside them dressed in shining white outfits. The women, trembling with fear, bowed down low to the ground on their faces.

The men said, "Why do you look for the living in the place of the dead? He is not here, he has returned to life. Do you not remember what he told you Circle of Nations (Galilee)? That the True Human Being would be turned over to the ones with the bad hearts. They would put him to death on the cross, but would come back to life on the third day."

Then the women remembered what he had said. They hurried back to tell the eleven message bearers and the others what they had seen and heard. There was Bitter Tears (Mary) of the village of Creator's High Lodge (Magdala), Woman Of His Good Will (Joanna) and Bitter Tears (Mary) the mother of Heel Grabber (James), and the other women with them.

These women told the message – bearers and the others what they saw with their own eyes. But the men did not believe the women, thinking it was only empty talk.

But Stands On The Rock (Peter) ran to the burial cave. He bent down to look inside and saw strips of cloths lying there, *but no sign of the body of Creator Sets Free (Jesus)*. He then walked away wondering what had happened.

On the same day, two of the followers of Creator Sets Free (Jesus) were walking to the village of Warm Springs (Emmaus), seven miles out from the Village of Peace (Jerusalem). As they walked along they were talking about all that had happened. Creator Sets Free (Jesus) came alongside them as they walked, but their eyes kept from seeing who he was.

He said to them, "What are you talking about?"

They stopped walking and a look of sadness fell over their faces. One of the men, Honored by His Father (Cleophas), answered him, "how can you not know about the things that have happened in the Village of Peace (Jerusalem)? You must be coming from far away."

"What things are you talking about?" he asked.

About Creator Sets Free (Jesus) from the Village of Seed Planters (Nazareth). He was prophet from the Great Spirit, with powerful medicine, who did many good things among all the people. The head holy men and other leaders handed him over to the People of Iron to be put to death on the cross. We had hoped that he would free the tribes of Wrestles With Creator (Israel) *from the People of Iron*. It is now the third day since they killed him on the cross, but today some women told us an amazing story. Early this morning they went to his burial cave and found that his body was not there. They told us about visions of spirit – messengers who told them he was alive! Some of our men went to see with their own eyes and found the empty cave, but they did not see Creator Sets Free (Jesus).

“Why are your hearts so slow to believe the words of the prophets?” he said. “It should be clear to you that the Chosen One would suffer first before he would be lifted up and honored above all.”

So Creator Sets Free (Jesus) told them this story, beginning with Drawn From the Water (Moses) and all the prophets. He showed them how all the ancient Sacred Scrolls were written about the Chosen One and pointed the way to him.

They still didn't know it was Creator Sets Free (Jesus) talking to them.

As they entered the village, he walked on as if to go further. They said to him, “Please, stay with us. It is late and the sun will soon set.”

So he went into the lodging house with them. When they sat down to eat a meal together, Creator Sets Free (Jesus) took some bread into his hands. He gave thanks and broke it, giving each of them a piece. Suddenly, their eyes were opened and they knew who he was, but he vanished right in front of them.

The men looked at each other in wide eyed wonder and said, “It felt like our hearts were on fire when he was talking with us on the road, showing us the meaning of the Sacred Scrolls!”

They got up without finishing their meal and walked back to the Village of Peace (Jerusalem), as fast as they could, for the sun was setting. They found where the eleven had gathered together with the others.

They were saying, “Our Wisdomkeeper is alive! He has shown himself to Stands On The Rock (Peter).”

So the two men told them what happened on the road and how their eyes were opened when Creator Sets Free (Jesus) broke the bread into pieces.