

The Synopsis

Mark 16

- 1 Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary *the mother* of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him.
- 2 Very early in the morning, on the first *day* of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen.
- 3 And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?"
- 4 But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large.

Matthew 28

- 1 Now after the Sabbath, as the first *day* of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.
- 2 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it.
- 3 His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow.
- 4 And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead *men*.

Luke 24

- 1 Now on the first *day* of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain *other women* with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared.
- 2 But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb.

John 20

- 1 Now the first *day* of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw *that* the stone had been taken away from the tomb.
- 2 Then she ran

Matthew 28

- 5 But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.
- 6 He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

(The Angel who rolled the stone away leads them, or directs them, into the tomb)

Luke 24

- 3 Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

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- 5 And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.
- 6 But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him.

(Entering the tomb, the women encounter a 2nd Angel, who gives testimony to the resurrection).

Luke 24

4 And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments.

(The 1st Angel who rolled away the stone joins the women and the 2nd Angel in the tomb, to be the 2nd heavenly witness to the resurrection).

5 Then, as they were afraid and bowed *their* faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?"

6 He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee,

7 saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.'"

8 And they remembered His words.

Matthew 28

7 And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you."

(The 1st Angel who first encountered them outside, but who has come inside, now instructs them where they will see Jesus).

Mark 16

7 But go, tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you."

8 So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

(The 2nd Angel instructs them to go tell the disciples...but they don't go straight to the disciples)

John 20

2 Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him."

3 Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb.

4 So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first.

5 And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying *there*; yet he did not go in.

6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying *there*,

7 and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself.

8 Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed.

9 For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead.

10 Then the disciples went away again to their own homes.

11 But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down *and looked* into the tomb.

12 And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

13 Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him."

14 Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing *there*, and did not know that it was Jesus.

15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?"

She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away."

16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher).

17 Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and *to* My God and your God.'"

18 Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and *that* He had spoken these things to her.

Mark 16

9 Now when *He* rose early on the first *day* of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons.

10 She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept.

11 And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe.

(This statement appears to exclude John, who is presented as having some faith in the fact that Jesus had been resurrected, even before The Lord appeared to the disciples)

Matthew 28

8 So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciple's word.

9 And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So, they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him.

10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go *and* tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."

(After an encounter with the risen AND ascended Lord, the women's fears are set aside and they now come to the disciples with BOTH the testimony of both Angels + their own encounter with the risen Jesus).

Luke 24

9 Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.

10 It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary *the mother* of James, and the other *women* with them, who told these things to the apostles.

11 And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them.

12 But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marvelling to himself at what had happened.

(It is not impossible that Peter returned a 2nd time to the tomb to see for himself and investigate the FURTHER claims of Mary and the other women. However, it is more likely that this is an editorial epilogue referring back to the original visit by Peter and John to the tomb, after Mary first came to them with news that the tomb was empty).