Resurrection Sunday

From Mary to Thomas





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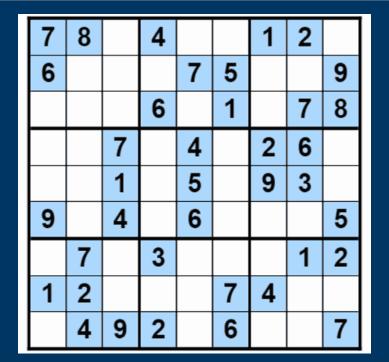
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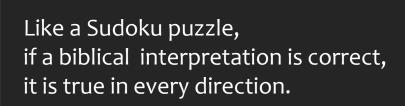
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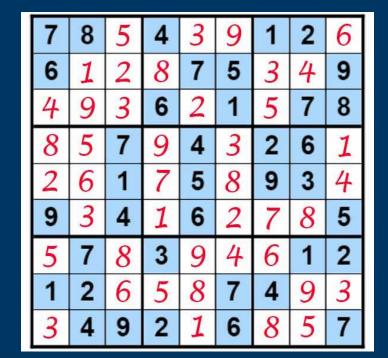
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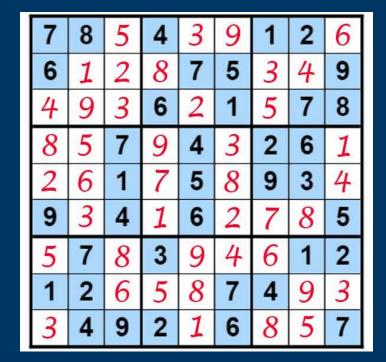


This lesson will harmonize the events of Easter Sunday morning as they appear in the four Gospels in the King James Version of the Bible.





The verses will be checked off as they are referenced to ensure that none are omitted.



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The women returned to the tomb in the predawn hours of Sunday morning.

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John 20:1-18



Matthew 28:1

In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

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John 20:1-18



Knowing the tomb had been sealed, they worried how they would open it.

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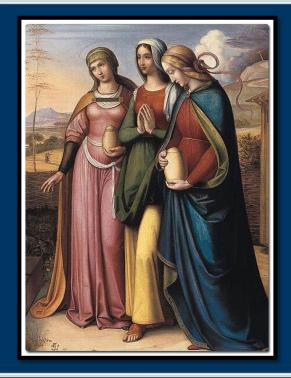
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John 20:1-18



Mark 16:1-4

- And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the *mother* of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.
- And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.
- And they said among themselves,

 Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?
- ⁴ And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great.

Matthew 28:1-15

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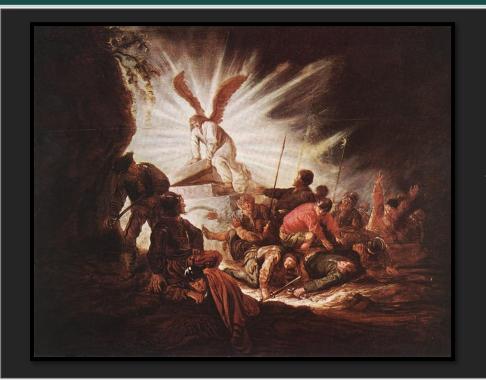
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John 20:1-18



Sometime before daybreak, the angel of God had rolled away the stone from the tomb.

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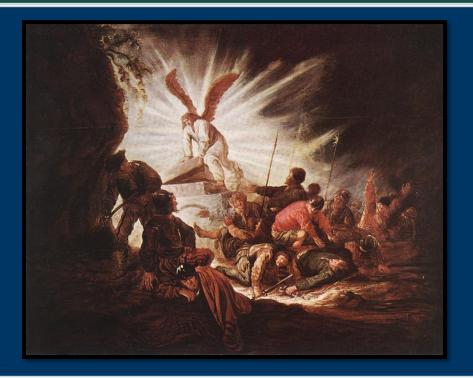
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John 20:1-18



Matthew 28:2-4

- And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.
- ³ His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:
- ⁴ And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead *men*.

Matthew 28:1-15

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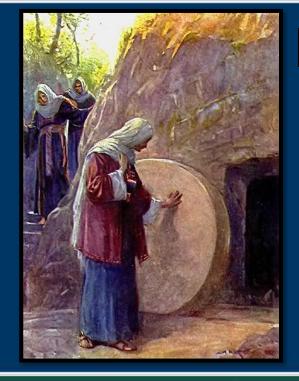
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Luke 24:1-12

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John 20:1-18



The women arrived at the open and empty tomb.

Luke 24:1-3

- Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them.
- ² And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre.
- ³ And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.

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Luke 24:1-12

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John 20:1-18



The Gospel of John focuses only on Mary Magdalene without mentioning the women she came with:

John 20:1

The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.



Luke 24:1-12

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John 20:1-18



When she saw the empty tomb, she ran to tell Peter, leaving the other women behind.

John 20:2

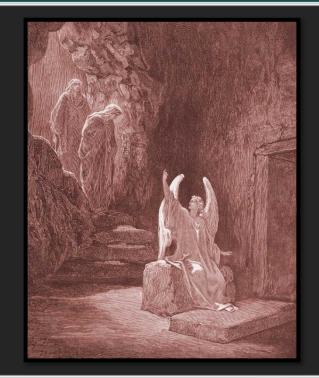
Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him.





John 20:1-18

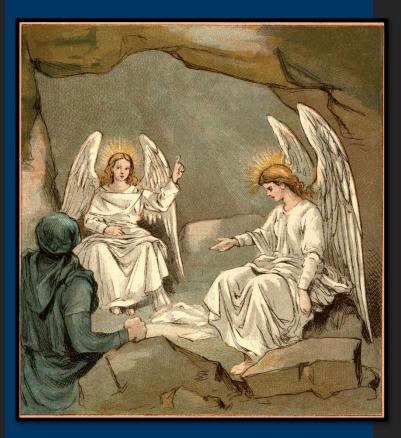




The women who remained at the tomb were the first to hear the angels' announcement:







Luke 24:4-8

- And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments:
- 5 And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?
- ⁶ He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,
- 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,



Luke testified of two angels, but both Matthew and Mark only wrote about one of the angels who spoke to the women.

Matthew 28:1-15

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Mark 16:1-11

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Luke 24:1-12

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John 20:1-18



The angel gave the women instruction:

Come, see, Go, tell.

Matthew 28:1-15



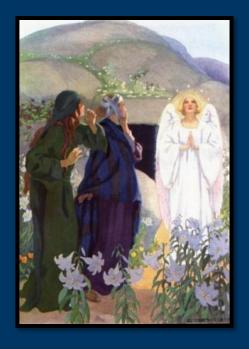
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Luke 24:1-12



John 20:1-18



Matthew 28:5-7

- 5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.
- ⁶ He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.
- And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.

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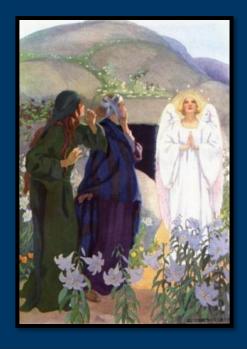
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John 20:1-18



Mark 16:5-7

- ⁵ And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted.
- And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.
- But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.

Matthew 28:1-15

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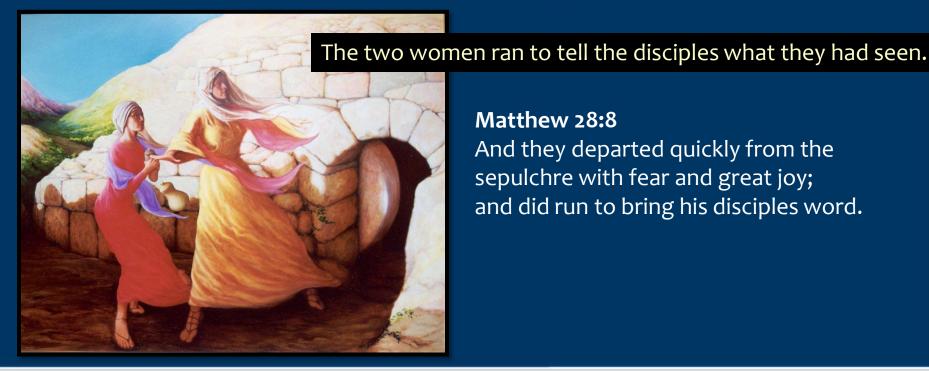
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John 20:1-18



Matthew 28:8

And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.

Matthew 28:1-15



Mark 16:1-11

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Luke 24:1-12



John 20:1-18



Mark 16:8

And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any man; for they were afraid.

Matthew 28:1-15



Mark 16:1-11

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Luke 24:1-12



John 20:1-18



Meanwhile, having heard Mary's report, Peter and another disciple ran to the tomb, with Mary following behind:

John 20:3-4

- Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre.
- ⁴ So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre.







By the time "the other disciple" reached the tomb, the other women had already gone to bring the disciples the angel's message.

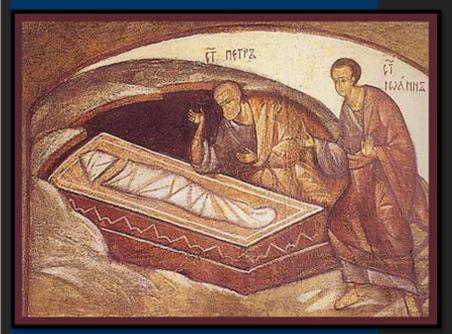


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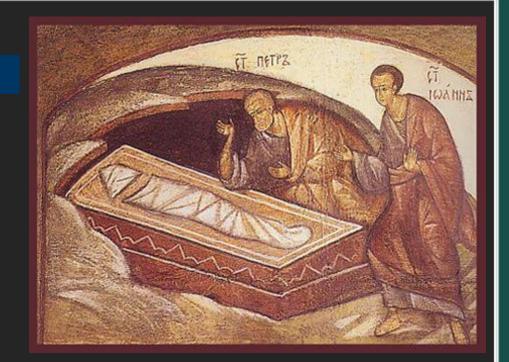
John 20:5-9

- And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in.
- Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie,
- And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself.
- Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed.
- ⁹ For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead.

The two men returned home.

John 20:10

Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.



Matthew 28:1-15

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Mark 16:1-11

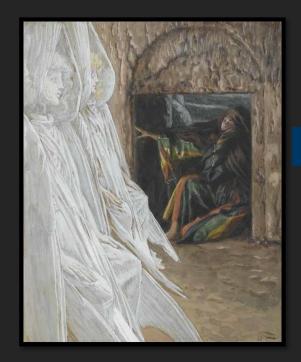
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John 20:1-18





Mary stayed at the tomb.

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Luke 24:1-12



John 20:1-18



John 20:11-13

- But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre,
- ¹² And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.
- ¹³ And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.

Matthew 28:1-15

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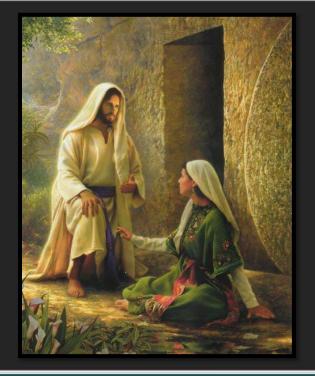
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Luke 24:1-12

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John 20:1-18



John 20:14-15

- ¹⁴ And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.
- Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.



Luke 24:1-12

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John 20:16-17

- Jesus saith unto her, Mary.
 She turned herself, and saith unto him,
 Rabboni; which is to say, Master.
- Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not;
 for I am not yet ascended to my Father:
 but go to my brethren,
 and say unto them,
 I ascend unto my Father, and your
 Father; and to my God, and your God.

Matthew 28:1-15



Mark 16:1-11

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Luke 24:1-12



John 20:1-18



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John 20:1-18



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(With all this coming and going, we must assume that people could travel along different paths and not run into each other along the way.)

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Mark 16:1-11

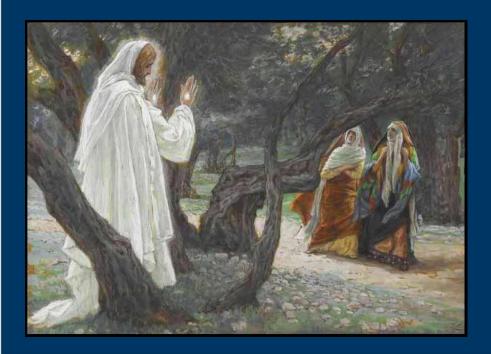
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Luke 24:1-12

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John 20:1-18

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Matthew 28:9-10

- 9 And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail.
 - And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.
- Then said Jesus unto them,
 Be not afraid:
 go tell my brethren that they go into
 Galilee, and there shall they see me.

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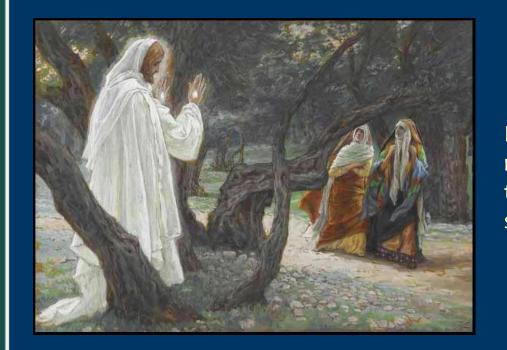
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Both Jesus and the angel had the same message for the disciples – they must go to Galilee where they will see Jesus for themselves.

Luke 24:1-12

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John 20:1-18

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Matthew's report on this great morning concludes with the conspiracy of the tomb guards:

Matthew 28:1-15

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John 20:1-18

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Matthew 28:11-15

- Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done.
- ¹² And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers,
- ¹³ Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him *away* while we slept.
- ¹⁴ And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you.
- ¹⁵ So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.





John's testimony of the morning events ends with Mary new report to the disciples:

John 20:18

Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

Matthew 28:1-15



Mark 16:1-11

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Luke 24:1-12



John 20:1-18

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What was her report the first time? "They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him."

Matthew 28:1-15



Mark 16:1-11

4' 2' 8' 4' 5' 8' 7' 8' 9 10 11

Luke 24:1-12



John 20:1-18

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The sequence that concludes Mark's report now makes perfect sense:



Mark 16:9-11

- 9 Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.
- ¹⁰ And she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept.
- 11 And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not.

Matthew 28:1-15



Mark 16:1-11

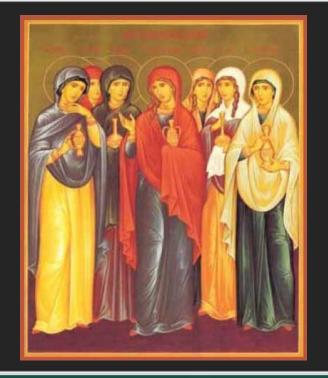
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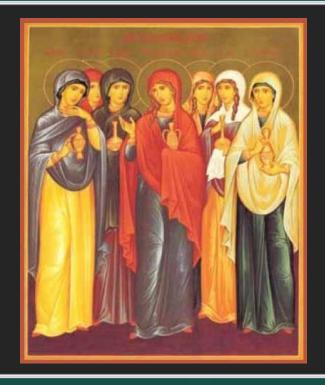
Mary's testimony was confirmed by the other women, but still the men did not believe.

Luke 24:1-12

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John 20:1-18

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Luke 24:9-11

- 9 And [the women] returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest.
- It was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and other women that were with them, which told these things unto the apostles.
- ¹¹ And their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not.

Matthew 28:1-15



Mark 16:1-11

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Luke 24:1-12

John 20:1-18

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Luke's testimony of the morning events concludes with Peter's return to the sepulchre for a second look:

Matthew 28:1-15



Mark 16:1-11

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Luke 24:1-12



John 20:1-18





Luke 24:12

Then arose Peter, and ran unto the sepulchre; and stooping down, he beheld the linen clothes laid by themselves, and departed, wondering in himself at that which was come to pass.

Matthew 28:1-15



Mark 16:1-11

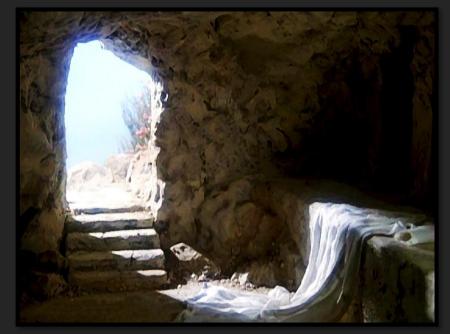
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Luke 24:1-12



John 20:1-18





That was the last of the relevant verses. See how perfectly they fit together!

Luke 24:1-12

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John 20:1-18

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The Events of the Morning of Resurrection Sunday

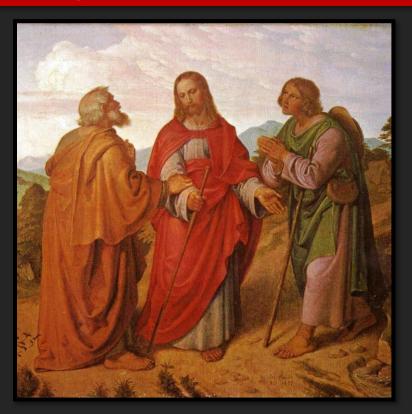
- 1. Sometime before dawn, the women return to the sepulchre intending to anoint the Lord's body for burial, worried about how they would move the stone.
- 2. They arrive at the tomb and find it open and empty.
- 3. Mary Magdalene runs to tell the men that someone had taken the Lord's body.
- 4. The women who remained at the tomb are greeted by an angel who tells them, "He is not here. He is risen." They are instructed to tell the disciples to go to Galilee where they will see Jesus. The women leave to find the disciples.
- 5. Peter and another disciple, along with Mary, return to the empty tomb.

 After seeing the grave clothes, the men return home, leaving Mary by herself.
- 6. Two angels comfort Mary.
- 7. Jesus appears to Mary.

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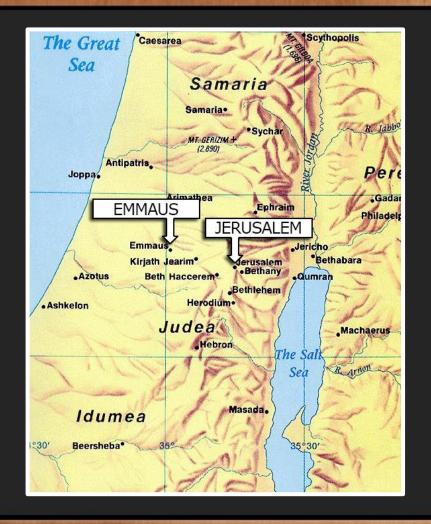
- 8. Jesus appears to the other women on their way to speak to the disciples, and gives them the same message: Tell the eleven they will see me in Galilee.
- 9. The tomb guards conspire to explain the absent body.
- 10. Mary tells the eleven she had seen the Lord, but they do not believe her.
- 11. The other women bring their own witness, but the men still do not believe.
- 12. Peter returns to the empty sepulchre, and leaves again.

The exciting events of Resurrection Sunday continued on through the day:



Luke 24:13-14

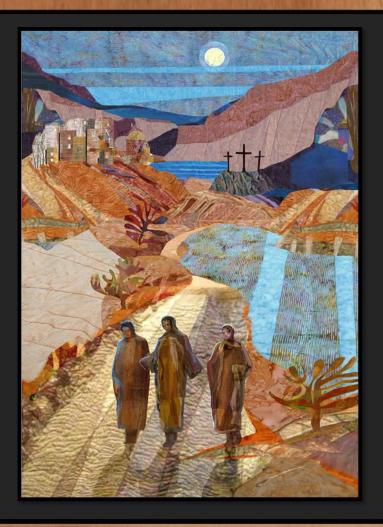
- ¹³ And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem *about* threescore furlongs.
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Threescore or 60 furlongs is about 7.5 miles.



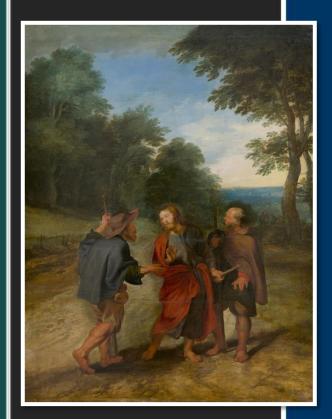
Luke 24:15-16

- And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.
- ¹⁶ But their eyes were holden that they should not know him.

Mark tells why they did not know this man was Jesus.

Mark 16:12

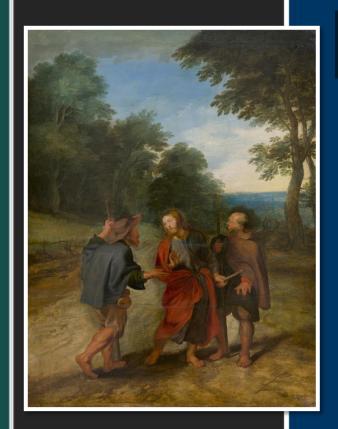
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he appeared in another form
unto two of them, as they walked,
and went into the country.



Jesus asked them the cause of their gloom, all the while keeping his identity concealed.

Luke 24:17-19a

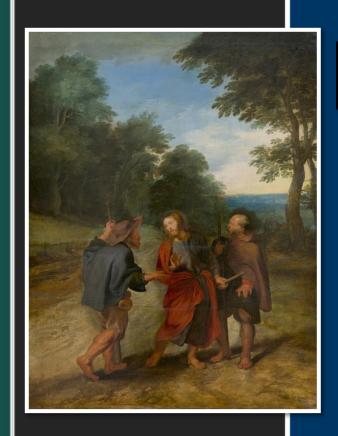
- ¹⁷ And he said unto them, What manner of communications *are* these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?
- And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?
- ¹⁹ And he said unto them, What things?



Jesus' death on the cross three days prior convinced them he could not be their promised Messiah.

Luke 24:19b-21

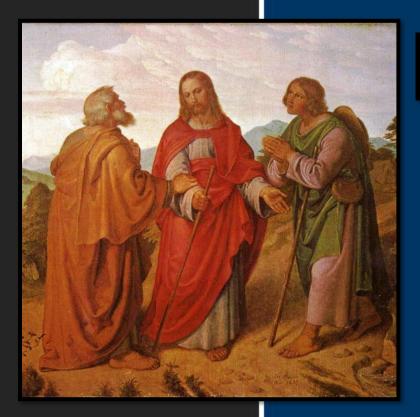
- 19 And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:
- ²⁰ And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him.
- But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel:
 and beside all this,
 to day is the third day since these things were done.



These men had heard the women's report of the angels at the empty tomb, but up to now they did not believe it.

Luke 24:22-24

- Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre;
- ²³ And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive.
- ²⁴ And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found *it* even so as the women had said: but him they saw not.



Jesus chastised them for their unbelief, and helped them understand the Messiah's mission.

Luke 24:25-27

- ²⁵ Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:
- ²⁶ Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?
- ²⁷ And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.



Still unaware of this stranger's identity, they invited him to stay at their home.

Luke 24:28-29

- And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further.
- ²⁹ But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.



Luke 24:30-32

- ³⁰ And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake, and gave to them.
- And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.



Luke 24:30-32

- ³⁰ And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake, and gave to them.
- ³¹ And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.
- ³² And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?

The two men hurried to Jerusalem to tell the apostles.

Luke 24:33-34

- ³³ And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them,
- 34 Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.

The details of this appearance are not recorded, but the fact that Peter saw the resurrected Christ before the others was confirmed by Paul:

1 Corinthians 15:5

5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

Luke 24:33-34

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- ³⁴ Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.

Mark informs us that there was still widespread skepticism among the rest of the apostles.

Mark 16:13

¹³ And they went and told *it* unto the residue: neither believed they them.

The men of Emmaus began to tell the others about their amazing experience.

Luke 24:35-36

35 And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.

And as they were speaking, Jesus appeared before them all!

Luke 24:35-36

- 35 And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.
- Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.



Luke tells of the disciples' initial terror at seeing Jesus, and how he put them at ease:

Luke 24:37-40

- 37 But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit.
- 38 And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?
- 39 Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.
- 40 And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet.



Luke 24:41-43

- And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat?
- ⁴² And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb.
- ⁴³ And he took it, and did eat before them.

Mark's short testimony of this appearance emphasizes the Lord's displeasure with his apostles.

Mark 16:14

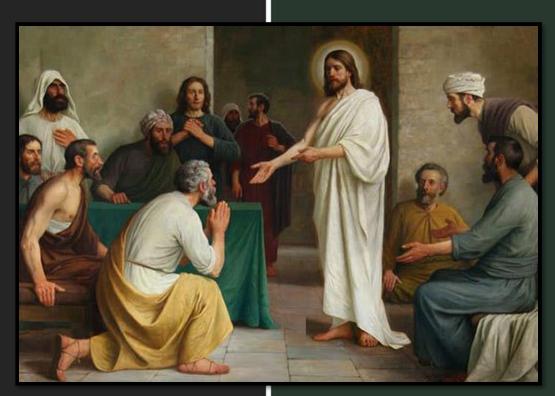
¹⁴ Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

John's account gives the most insight into the disciples' state of mind:



They were hiding behind shut doors for fear of the Jews.

Remember, we are still looking at the events of Resurrection Sunday:



John 20:19-20

- Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.
- ²⁰ And when he had so said, he shewed unto them *his* hands and his side.

Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

Mark, Luke, and John each record teachings that Jesus gave his apostles that evening. Each teaching directed them to what awaited them on Pentecost.

Mark 16:15-18

- ¹⁵ And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.
- ¹⁶ He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.
- ¹⁷ And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;
- They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. 45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: ⁴⁷ And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ And ye are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you,

Luke 24:44-49

44 And he said unto them,

John 20:21-23

- Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.
- ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on *them*, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:
- Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

John's account of this momentous day closes with the absent Thomas' doubt.

John 20:24-25

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- ²⁵ The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

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He would have to wait another week before his doubts were put to rest.

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The Events of the Afternoon and Evening of Resurrection Sunday

- 1. Later "that same day" Jesus appeared "in another form" to two men walking to Emmaus who invited him to dine at their home.
- 2. Just when they understood who he was, he vanished.
- 3. "That same hour" the men hurried to Jerusalem to tell the apostles who were hiding in fear of the Jews.
- 4. As they were speaking, Jesus made his first appearance to his apostles.
- 5. Jesus assured them he was not a spirit, and ate a meal with them.
- 6. He told them things that would come to pass with the coming of the Holy Ghost.
- 7. The absent apostle Thomas, hung to his doubt.



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