

Mark Chapter 16

- This is a continuation of the narrative: Jesus has been crucified and died on the cross. Joseph of Arimathaea and Nicodemus have placed Him in an un-used tomb.
- The chief priests and Pharisees with Pilate's approval sealed the tomb and set a guard about it – now it is the dawn of the 3rd day.

V: 1 Timing: when the Sabbath was past.

Thursday Preparation day 1 st day in tomb	Friday Passover High Sabbath	Saturday Regular Passover 3 rd day in tomb	Sunday Resurrection day 1 st day of the week.
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- The players: Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome.
1. Mary Magdalene as vs: 9 points out was she of whom Jesus drove out 7 demons.
 2. Mary the mother of James the less, again meaning Mary the mother of Jesus.
 3. Salome: the mother of the Apostles James and John.
- As devoted as they were, they were there for the wrong reasons. They weren't bringing Jesus a fresh change of clothes and breakfast; they were bringing spices to embalm his body.
 - Mary, the sister to Lazarus and Martha had it right, she'd already done what they were seeking to do.

Mark 14:8 “She has done what she could. She has come beforehand to anoint My body for burial.”

V: 2 Early on the 1st day of the week, Sunday morning – resurrection Sunday.

Proverbs 8:17 “I love them that love Me; and those that seek Me early shall find Me.”

V: 3 Having previously seen where Jesus was laid, remembering the large stone rolled across the entrance – the practical question arises: how are we going to get in?

- Seemingly they also discounted the Roman detachment guarding the tomb.

V: 4 Upon their arrival they see that the stone which was “very great” has been rolled away.

- The stone wasn't rolled away so Jesus could get out, He could go through walls; it was rolled away so we could see in.
- There is no mention of the Roman guard in this account which is very much a synopsized version.
- Mark is written to a Roman audience and perhaps doesn't want to demean the Romans or it doesn't seem to be pertinent, but Matthew fills in some of the blanks.

Matthew 28:1-6 “¹Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. ²And 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. ³His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. ⁴And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.”

- There's no mention in any of the Gospels of the women even taking note of the guards who are laying on the ground

V: 5-6 The women enter the tomb and observe an angel seated near where Jesus should be, noting that Jesus is not there.

Similar to His nativity:

Luke 2:9-10 “⁹And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. ¹⁰Then the angel said to them, do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.”

- When Jesus was born, the angels were there as witnesses, at that time they also had to tell the people not to fear. (Herald birth / resurrection)
- The angel tells them that “He is risen”.
- Matthew's account adds three important words: “as He said...”
- The resurrection of Jesus is obviously a hugely important component of our faith:

1 Corinthians 15:14 “And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty.”

1 Corinthians 15:3-8 “³For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that He

was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. ⁶After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. ⁷After that He was seen by James then by all the apostles. ⁸Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.”

- Because Jesus’ resurrection is real, Paul goes on to write:

1 Corinthians 15:55 “Oh Death, where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory?”

- His victory is our victory.

Hebrews 2:14-15 “¹⁴Inasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; ¹⁵and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.”

- Jesus’ resurrection is attributed to the power of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, to the Trinity, or the Tri-Unity of God.

Father: Psalm 16:10 “For you will not leave My soul in Sheol, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.” (1 Corinthians 15:15, Hebrews 13:20)

Son: John 2:19-21 “¹⁹Jesus answered and said to them, “destroy this temple, and In three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰Then the Jews said, it has taken forty-six years to build this temple and will You raise it up in three days? ²¹But He was speaking of the temple of His body.” (John 10:17-18)

Holy Spirit: Romans 8:11 “But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”

V: 7 The women are commissioned: Go tell the disciples and Peter.

- Peter who dictated this Gospel pointedly appreciates his inclusion which leads to his restoration. Here again we see God’s character:

Exodus 34:6-7 “⁶... the Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, ⁷keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin...”

Micah 7:18 “Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage?”

“As He said to you.” (God keeps His Word!)

Isaiah 40:8 “The grass withers, the flower fades: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.”

V: 8 They went out quickly in obedience and went straight to the disciples.

- They spoke to no one along the way, going straight to the disciples.

Matthew 28:8 “So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word.”

- Mid 1800's - Tishendorf - St. Catherines, Mt. Sinai - found a discarded manuscript, in very good physical condition. It had been discarded due to the many mistakes and corrections. Dated 420-430 AD - Codex Siniaticus - Codex Vaticanus / Alexandrian text. Later Westcott & Hort. 2 copies / manuscripts vs: 1,000 +
- Alexandrian / Siniaticus / Vaticanus dates 420-430 AD delete last portion of Mark, but they are quoted by Irenaeus and Hipolatus who both lived in the 2nd century - they were quoting from the Textus Receptus / Majority Text - the 1,000 + manuscripts.



V: 9 Begins a parenthetical re-telling of what occurred and we need to examine all 4 Gospels to put it together.

- Jesus first appeared to Mary Magdalene who had been in dire straits having been delivered from 7 demons, having her sanity restored, which is described in **John Ch. 20**.
- Reconciliation of Gospel accounts regarding this event: composite picture.
 1. Mary and the other women head off to the tomb early on Resurrection Sunday.
 2. In her eagerness, Mary goes ahead of the other women.
 3. Mary arrives, sees the stone rolled away and assumes that they've moved the body of Jesus to another location.
 4. Without waiting for the other ladies, Mary takes off to report this to Peter, John, and the other disciples.
 5. The other women arrive at the tomb. The ladies see the two angels who tell them that Jesus has risen and that they are to go and tell the disciples.
 6. In the mean time Mary arrives where Peter and John are staying, tells them what has taken place, they take off to check it out.
 7. Peter and John run to the tomb with Mary falling behind.
 8. Peter and John inspect the tomb and leave.
 9. Mary gets to the tomb not knowing that the other ladies had seen the angels and received instruction.
 10. Mary sees the two angles, then Jesus as we read in the Gospel of John and mentioned here.

V: 10-11 The disciples are told, but they didn't believe.

- “mourned and wept” – after three days they are still overcome by grief – sobbing and weeping.

V: 12-13 Cleophas and another disciple on the road to Emmaus have an encounter with Jesus described in **Luke 24:13-35**. These two men then return to Jerusalem to the disciples, but aren't believed either.

Deuteronomy 19:15 "... at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established."

V: 14 Almost like the old saying, if you want it done right...

- Jesus "rebuked" them, "upbraided them" – to chide or reprove them, to find fault with.
- Peter is 0 for 2 and assuredly he feels it.

Jesus did the same thing with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus:

Luke 24:25 "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe..."

Proverbs 27:6 "Faithful are the wounds of a friend,..."

- None of the other Gospels mention it quite like this:
 1. Matthew doesn't speak of it at all – just that Jesus met the disciples and said "all hail" and directed the disciples to meet Him in Galilee.
 2. Luke says that Jesus appeared in their midst and said "peace be unto you." Then He seemingly seeks to calm them down.

Jesus does ask the question:

Luke 24:38 "Why are ye troubled? And why do thoughts arise in your hearts?"

3. John reiterates that Jesus appeared in their midst and said "peace be unto you."
- Jesus goes on to commission them and imparts or breathes the Holy Spirit onto them.
 - Two points to the upbraiding: unbelief and hardness of heart.
 - Then Jesus simply moves on.

V: 15 The great commission: Go to all the world, preach the Gospel to every creature!

- Dominion theology: NO! Calvinism: NO!
- Population demographics: over ½ of the people that have ever lived are alive today.

V: 16 He that believes shall be saved; which is often expressed through water baptism. That is the assumption that he is making.

- Baptism: Public proclamation of faith, identifying with Jesus in His death, burial, and resurrection, it is also a simple act of obedience.

John 3:36 “He who believes in the Son has everlasting life: and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

- Baptismal regeneration? No. There are about 150 verses in the NT that attest that salvation is by faith alone, not of works.
- The thief on the cross, the Gentiles at Cornelius’ house were baptized after they were saved in Acts 10.
- Jesus Himself did not baptize (**John 4:1-2**) – which would be strange if baptism was required for salvation.

“Saved” (G 4982). sozo, sode'-zo; to save, i.e. deliver or protect, heal, preserve, save, to be (make) whole.

- This word speaks not just of “being saved” or “born again” but speaks also of the fullness of God’s blessing in our lives.
- A person doesn’t have to be baptized to be saved, but they are missing out on the fullness of God’s blessing for them.

“Condemned” (G-2632) “katrakrino” - damned, as in damned to hell.

V: 17-18 As they go out sharing the Gospel, and many have gone out since and there have been many many awesome miracles recorded. Missionaries that were bitten by poisonous snakes with no effect, drinking putrid water with no effect, miracles of provision, of healing – all to the glory of God.

- Demons cast out, exercising the gifts of the spirit, miraculous healings.
- This is not a comprehensive list, just examples of what God might do.
- Some have abused these passages or misinterpreted them and sought to use these things as proof of salvation – which is not the case.

Matthew 4:7 “Jesus said to him, it is written again, you shalt not tempt the Lord your God.”

1 Corinthians 12:29 “Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles?”

V: 19 The Lord ascended up to heaven and sat down at the right hand of God the Father, which is where He is now.

Hebrews 7:25 "... seeing He ever lives to make intercession for us."

Ephesians 4:8-10 "8Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men." 9Now this, "He ascended" - what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things."

V: 20 In obedience to their call – out they went, with the Lord working with them, being empowered by the Holy Spirit.

John 14:26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you."