

Gospel of Mark - Chapter 16 -

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Mark 16:1 NKJV - Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary [the mother] of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him.

Mark 16:2 NKJV - Very early in the morning, on the first [day] of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen.

Mark 16:3 NKJV - And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?"

Mark 16:4 NKJV - But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away--for it was very large.

Matthew 28:2 NKJV - 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.

Matthew 28:3 NKJV - His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow.

Matthew 28:4 NKJV - And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead [men].

Matthew 28:11 NKJV - Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened.

Matthew 28:12 NKJV - When they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers,

Matthew 28:13 NKJV - saying, "Tell them, 'His disciples came at night and stole Him [away] while we slept.'

Matthew 28:14 NKJV - "And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will appease him and make you secure."

Matthew 28:15 NKJV - So they took the money and did as they were instructed; and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

From David Guzik's Enduring Word Commentary

The women were not expecting to find an empty tomb; they came wondering who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us? This shows that the resurrection accounts cannot be the product of wishful thinking; they were not even expecting that it could happen.

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The stone was not rolled away to let Jesus out (Joh_20:19 tells us that Jesus, in His resurrection body, could pass through material barriers). It was rolled away so that others could see in and be persuaded that Jesus Christ was risen from the dead.

John 20:19 NKJV - 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, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace [be] with you."

Mark 16:5 NKJV - And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

Mark 16:6 NKJV - 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.

Mark 16:7 NKJV - "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."

From Barclay's Daily Study Bible:

But the most precious thing in this passage is in two words which are in no other gospel. "Go," said the messenger. "Tell his disciples and Peter." How that message must have cheered Peter's heart when he received it! He must have been tortured with the memory of his disloyalty, and suddenly there came a special message for him. It was characteristic of Jesus that he thought, not of the wrong Peter had done him but of the remorse he was undergoing. Jesus was far more eager to comfort the penitent sinner than to punish the sin. Someone has said, "The most precious thing about Jesus is the way in which he trusts us on the field of our defeat."

Mark 16:8 NKJV - 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.

Mark 16:9 NKJV - 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.

Mark 16:10 NKJV - She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept.

Mark 16:11 NKJV - And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, **they did not believe.**

John 20:11 NKJV - But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down [and looked] into the tomb.

John 20:12 NKJV - 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.

John 20:13 NKJV - 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."

John 20:14 NKJV - Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing [there], and did not know that it was Jesus.

John 20:15 NKJV - 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."

John 20:16 NKJV - Jesus said to her, "**Mary!**" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher).

John 20:17 NKJV - 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.' "

John 20:18 NKJV - Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and [that] He had spoken these things to her.

John 20:19 NKJV - 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, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace [be] with you."

Mark 16:12 NLT - Afterward he appeared in a different form to two of his followers who were walking from Jerusalem into the country.

Mark 16:13 NLT - They rushed back to tell the others, but no one believed them.

Mark 16:14 NLT - Still later he appeared to the eleven disciples as they were eating together. He rebuked them for their stubborn unbelief because they refused to believe those who had seen him after he had been raised from the dead.

NKJV: Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen.

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*Discussion question: Why didn't they believe?*

*Discussion question: Why did they have "hardness of heart"?*

*Discussion question: What is the difference between unbelief and hardness of heart?*

*Discussion question: Is this how many others respond when they first hear of Jesus being resurrected from the dead and now alive today? Including maybe yourself? Therefore, shouldn't we cut others some slack if they are slow to believe?*

*Discussion question: How do you think Peter felt when he heard Jesus was resurrected?*