

Synoptic Gospels- The Resurrection: Mark 16

*Mar 15:46 And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking Him down, wrapped Him in the linen shroud and laid Him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. 47 Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses (also the mother of James and Salome- Mk 15:40) **saw where He was laid.***

- Lk 23:56 states “Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments”, but they first rested on the Sabbath “according to the commandment” (*Ex 20:8*). Mk 16:1 shows when they bought the spices.

Mar 16:1 When the Sabbath was past (“toward the dawn of the first day of the week- Mat 28:1 [Gk.2020- to begin to grow light]), Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome (and Joses- v. 47) bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him.

- Since Jesus was laid in the tomb on the evening of preparation for the Sabbath (*Friday- Mk 15:42*) these woman, who followed Joseph of Arimathea to the sepulcher to see where He was laid, were hindered from purchasing the spices. (*Jews were forbidden from participating in commerce on the Sabbath- Neh 13:15-22*) Once the Sabbath ended Mary Magdalene “and the other women” (*Lk 24:10*) purchased the spices and went to the tomb to anoint the body of Christ even though unsure they would have had access. In the meantime before the women had arrived...

Mat 28:2 ... behold, there was a great earthquake, for an (not “the” Angel of the Lord) angel of the Lord descended from Heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.*

Rhodes: "This is highly significant. After reading about the active role played by the Angel throughout the Old Testament history, His sudden disappearance after the incarnation would be strange indeed unless He was the pre-incarnate manifestation of Jesus Christ. There is no other way to explain the Angel's complete inactivity among humans in New Testament times unless He is recognized as continuing His activity as God's incarnate, that is, as Jesus Christ."

Mar 16:2 And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen (after they bought the spices), they went to the tomb. 3 And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” 4 And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large.

Mat 28:5 But the angel 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 has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where He lay.

Mar 16:5 And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. 6 And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here. See the place where they laid Him.

- Sadly, after hearing what the angel said about Jesus having risen and seeing the place they saw where he was laid being empty, they still could not believe their eyes and ears.

Mar 16:7 But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you.”

- To single out Peter has some significance. Peter was headstrong, having already denied his Lord three times (*Mat 26:69-75*), and would have needed some extra convincing (*as did Thomas- Jn 20:25*). For the angel to tell the women that Jesus was “going before you to Galilee” wasn’t saying He had already left but was going to meet them there.

Mar 16:8 And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment (*Gk.1611- a displacement of the mind: trance*) had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

- Mat 28:8 adds that they “ran to tell His disciples”. There is no contradiction here since the state of their minds was such that they were too astonished to stop and tell anyone other than the disciples. Because of being dazed by the angel’s information they were still in a state of unbelief because they went and told the disciples “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we know not where they have laid Him” (*Jn 20:2*). This further caused His disciples to doubt He had arisen. At this point Peter and John raced to the tomb to find it empty, seeing “the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself” (*Jn 20:6-7*) but then “went back to their homes” (*Jn 20:10*).

* “The providence of God ordered these very little matters, so that they became the fullest proofs against the lie of the chief priests, that the body had been stolen away by the disciples [*Mat 28:11-15*]. If the body had been stolen away, those who took it would not have stopped to strip the clothes from it, and to wrap them up, and lay them by in separate places.”
Adam Clarke

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

Mar 16:9 Now when He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom He had cast out seven demons.

- Mary, who was with the women when they went to inform the disciples, returned with Peter and John but was alone after “the disciples went back to their homes”. The other women having gone...

Joh 20:11 ...Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. 12 And she saw two angels in white (*most likely the same two that appeared to the women in Lk 24:4*), sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. 13 They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." (*This is what the women told the disciples [Jn 20:2] and is what Mary believed at this point since the body of Christ was not there.*) 14 Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing Him to be the gardener (*Along with the fact that Jesus, as John saw Him on Patmos as “a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain”, was still disfigured from the scars and beating He received from the Roman soldiers, Mary didn’t recognize Him at that point. As Isa 50:6 prophetically states, “I gave My back to those who strike, and My cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not My face from disgrace and*

spitting.” Thus giving us an idea of how we will appear at the resurrection; our bodies will appear in the same form they died in, not in the form that the undertaker prepared for viewing. Vanity and procreation is of the human nature and thus non-existent in the spiritual realm.), she said to Him, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away." (As if raising her hand and looking in another direction while asking where the body had been moved to.) 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary." (How did this supposed gardener know her name? Recognizing His voice...) She turned (back toward Jesus' direction) and said to Him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (meaning Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me (her clinging to Him here was as though she wanted to make sure it was Him and as if she might not see Him again as the context will show), for I have not yet ascended to the Father; ("I'm not leaving immediately for Heaven") but go to My brothers ("not ashamed to call them brothers"- Heb 2:11) and say to them, 'I am ("I will soon be") ascending to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God."

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

Mar 16:11 But when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it. *(They were still in state of unbelief.)*

Mar 16:12 After these things He appeared in another form (*Gk.3444- figuratively nature*) to two of them, as they were walking into the country. *(On the road to Emmaus- Lk 24:13-35)*

- “another form”- Not recognizing Jesus as He was before His crucifixion, as neither did Mary Magdalene, they saw Him as either another scribe or doctor of the Law because of the way He spoke, thus not yet believing He had actually arisen. Once He revealed Himself to them they couldn't wait to tell the others.

Mar 16:13 And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them.

- By this time they would have also heard from Mary's account that Jesus had arisen from the dead. Both instances were personal proof that He was alive but because of “their unbelief and hardness of heart” they were too astonished to believe the truth of His rising that He prophesied while He was yet with them (*Lk 24:44*).

Mar 16:14 Afterward He appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at table, and He rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw Him after He had risen.

Luk 24:37 But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. 38 And He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39 See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Touch Me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." 40 And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. 41 And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, He said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" 42 They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, (*"and of an honeycomb"- KJV*). 43 and He took it and ate before them. *(Thus satisfying their fright as though they had seen a ghost, since a spirit without a body didn't have to eat to satisfy the hunger of the body it once inhabited.)* 44 Then He said to them, "These are My words that I spoke to you **while I was still with you**, that everything written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

- During His time with the disciples Jesus often told and showed them evidence of His being the Messiah. This was a reminder of Old Covenant writings concerning Him. It wasn't until Pentecost that they received their ultimate appreciation and would defend the Gospel with their very lives, unlike their fragile faith in Christ before that event. But between His resurrection and Pentecost they were gathered to Him to receive the Great Commission.

Act 1:6 So when they had come together, they asked Him, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

Act 1:7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority.

Act 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Mar 16:15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.

Mar 16:16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

Mar 16:17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: in My name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues;

Mar 16:18 they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

- Not having the completed, written inspired word, the miracles were to aid them in proof that what they were teaching actually came from above and not just something man made to deceive the multitudes.

1Co 13:8 Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when the perfect (*Gk.5046- complete*) comes, the partial will pass away.

Mar 16:19 So then the Lord Jesus, after He had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.

Act 1:9 And when He had said these things, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight.

Mar 16:20 And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs (*raising the dead, healing the sick as signs that God was working with them to confirm their message*).

- Such has not been necessary since the word has been canonized into what we have in one book, the Bible. Anyone who has the ability now can study it and by "rightly handling the word of truth" (*2 Tim 2:15*) be able to convince "those who contradict it" (*Titus 1:9*).

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