

The Resurrection Narratives

MATTHEW 28	MARK 16	LUKE 24	JOHN 20-21
<p>Mary Magdalene and “the other Mary” discover the empty tomb and are told by an angel that Jesus has been raised and they should go and tell his disciples (28:1-8).</p> <p>On their way to tell the disciples, Jesus appears to them and they worship him (28:9-10).</p> <p>The chief priests bribe Roman soldiers to say the disciples stole the body of Jesus (28:11-15).</p> <p>On a mountain in Galilee, the disciples worship Jesus (28:16-17).</p> <p><i>The Great Commissioning:</i> Jesus sends the disciples out to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and HS. He promises to be with them “always, to the end of the age” (28:18-20).</p>	<p>Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome discover the empty tomb and are told by a “young man dressed in a white robe” that Jesus has been raised and that they should tell “his disciples and Peter” (16:1-7).</p> <p>The women flee the tomb in “terror and amazement”, telling no one what they had seen, “for they were afraid” (16:8).</p> <p>LONGER ENDING OF MARK:</p> <p>Jesus appears first to Mary Magdalene, who goes and tells “those who had been with him”, but they do not believe her (16:9-11).</p> <p>Jesus appears to “two of them” as they were “walking into the country”. They tell the others, but they do not believe them (16:12-13).</p> <p>Jesus appears to “the eleven themselves” and scolds them for not believing the others. He tells them to “proclaim the good news</p>	<p>[“The women who had come with him from Galilee” (including Mary Magdalene, see Lk. 8:1-3)] discover the empty tomb and are told by “two men in dazzling clothes” that Jesus has been raised. They tell this to “the eleven and to all the rest” (24:1-12).</p> <p>Jesus appears to “two of them” who were on their way to Emmaus. They do not recognize Jesus until he has explained the Scriptures and broken bread with them. “That same hour” they return to Jerusalem to tell “the eleven and their companions” who are already declaring “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” (24:13-35).</p> <p>Jesus suddenly appears among them, showing them his hands and feet, and eating fish in their presence. He explains the Scriptures to them, instructs them to proclaim repentance and forgiveness of sins to all nations, and to be “witnesses of these things.” He tells them to stay in</p>	<p>Mary Magdalene discovers the empty tomb and goes to tell “Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved” (20:1-2).</p> <p>Peter and “the other disciple” run to the tomb, find it empty, and return to their homes (20:3-10).</p> <p>Mary stands weeping outside the tomb. Jesus appears to her, but she mistakes him for the gardener until he speaks her name. Jesus sends her to “[his] brothers” to tell them that he is ascending to the Father. She goes to “the disciples” and announces, “I have seen the Lord” (20:11-18).</p> <p>Jesus appears in a locked house among the disciples. He shows them his hands and side, then breathes on them, saying “Receive the Holy Spirit.” He gives them the authority to forgive and retain sins (20:19-23).</p> <p>Thomas is not present and does not believe the other disciples. A week later, Jesus appears to them</p>

<p>Scripture quotations from NRSV. ©Amy Ekeh 2014 www.amyekeh.com</p>	<p>to all creation”, indicates the importance of baptism and belief, and describes signs that will accompany those who believe (16:14-18).</p> <p>Jesus is “taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God” (16:19).</p> <p>The disciples “went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it” (16:20).</p>	<p>Jerusalem where they will be “clothed with power from on high” (24:36-49).</p> <p>Jesus leads them out to Bethany where he ascends into heaven. They worship him and return to Jerusalem with joy, where they are “continually in the temple blessing God” (24:50-53).</p>	<p>again. He invites Thomas to touch his hands and side and believe. Thomas responds, “My Lord and my God” (20:24-29).</p> <p>Concluding statement that the Gospel was written “so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name” (20:30-31).</p> <p>EPILOGUE:</p> <p>“After these things” Jesus appears to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias. Simon Peter and some of the other disciples, who are fishing, do not recognize Jesus standing on the shore until he instructs them to cast their net to the right side of the boat, where they catch a great deal of fish. They eat fish and bread with Jesus. “This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to his disciples” (21:1-14).</p> <p>Jesus asks Simon Peter three times if he loves him and instructs him to “tend my sheep” and “feed my lambs” and “follow me” (21:15-19).</p> <p>The text addresses the rumor that the Beloved Disciple would not die before Jesus’ return (21:20-23).</p> <p>Closing refers to the author and the many deeds of Jesus (21:24-25).</p>
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