

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
The Resurrection
John 20:1-18
Week 33 September 6
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It is the first day of the week. It is Sunday morning.

THE WOMEN GO TO THE TOMB

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb.

John 20:1 ESV

Mary tells Peter and John what she saw.

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. Matthew 28:5-6 ESV

The angel tells them Jesus has resurrected and to go tell the disciples.

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. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee.

Mark 16:6-7 ESV

This is a direct message to Peter that he is forgiven.

And they remembered his words, 9 and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.

Luke 24:8-9 ESV

Here the disciples are not sure they believe the women.

THE WOMEN MEET JESUS

And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

Matthew 28:9-10 ESV

Jesus' message for the disciples is to go to Galilee where He will meet them.

Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). John 20:-16 ESV

On that Easter morning the women are first to go to the tomb.

They see the stone rolled back and the open tomb is empty.

They are the first to tell of the resurrection of Jesus.

THE DISCIPLES GO TO THE TOMB

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, 7 and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; John 20:6-8 ESV

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And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. 4 And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. Matthew 28:2-4 ESV

After the women leave the guards go to the city and tell the elders what they saw.

THE RESURRECTION

The women and guards saw the angel descend from heaven and roll the stone away.

The guards saw and heard the women talk to the angel.

The angel tells them Jesus has arisen.

The tomb is empty.

The grave clothes are not shredded as if someone stole the body.

They are folded up and neatly placed.

The women encounter Jesus and talk to Him and hug Him.

The disciples Peter and John inspect the empty tomb and John believes.

The guards give eyewitness testimony to the Jewish leaders who do not try and convince them otherwise. They bribe them and send them away.

Conclusion: Jesus said He would die, be buried and rise again on the third day and that is what He did.

His death was the ultimate sacrifice to pay for our sins.

His resurrection is proof of His life and ministry with us and for us.