

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

THE TOMB VISITED BY THE WOMEN

TEXT: Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:1

TIME: Early Sunday morning

PLACE: The tomb, in a garden not far from Golgotha

◆ The Women's visit to the Tomb

- Why did they come to the tomb?

NOTE: The hurried burial had not permitted a proper anointing of the body. It had been started by Nicodemus, but now was to be finished.

THE STONE ROLLED AWAY

TEXT: Matthew 28:2-4

◆ Read these verses and note:

- The angel: What did he do and what did he look like?
- The guards: What did they do?
- Why then was the stone rolled away?

THE TOMB FOUND EMPTY BY THE WOMEN AND PETER AND JOHN

TEXT: Matthew 28:5-8; Mark 16:2-8; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-10

◆ Found by the Women

- What were they concerned about?
 - What did they first see?
 - **NOTE**: John's account centers around Mary Magdalene
- Entering the tomb...
 - What did they not see
 - What did they see?
 - What was their response?
- The Angels':
 - Question: "Why do you seek the _____ among the _____?"
 - Message: "He is _____ here, but He has _____ how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee,..."
 - o Of what did He speak?
 - o Did they remember?
- Commission: "But go, _____ His disciples and _____, 'He is going before you into _____; there you will _____ Him, just as He said to you'" cp. Matthew 26:32
 - Why do you think Peter's name is mentioned separate from the disciples?

- The women's response?
"They departed _____ from the tomb with _____ and _____ and ran to _____ it to His disciples."

◆ Found by Peter and John

- **Note:** Mary Magdalene either did not hear the angel's message or she may have not entered the tomb with the other women, but ran ahead of them to tell Peter and John that the stone was rolled away.
 - What did she fear had happened?
- What was the response of the disciples to the women's report?
 - Why their unbelief?
- What did Peter and John then do? (If Mary Magdalene arrived before the other women, they may have left before the other women arrived.)
 - Read John's account, vs. 3-10 (can you imagine the footrace between these two excited disciples?)
- John saw and _____ but note vs. 9

Paul Butler (OBC, College Press) adds this interesting note:

"Whatever the faint glimmer of hope within the apostle's breast it was not built upon any knowledge of the Old Testament prophecies and promises concerning the resurrection of the Messiah (John. 20:9) or any evidence other than the empty tomb. It seems strange that the disciples did not remember all the many prophecies Jesus Himself had made concerning His resurrection! The women believed on this basis (cf. Luke 24:1-11). Perhaps the disciples were too busy with seeking places in the kingdom when Jesus made His prophecies to remember them or their Jewish prejudices as to the nature of the Messiah caused them to misunderstand or count His prophecies of no significance."

- The body was gone...but confusion must have reigned over hope.

THE POST-RESURRECTION APPEARANCES

Jesus' Appearance to Mary Magdalene

TEXT: Mark 16:9-11; John 20:11-18

NOTE: Mary has returned to the tomb. She is filled with fear and misunderstanding concerning the body of Jesus. It's early and her eyes are filled with tears. What a beautiful scene is recorded.

◆ Her Weeping

- Why is she weeping?

◆ Jesus Appears

- *"She turned around, and beheld _____ was standing there, and (she) did _____ know it was Jesus."*
 - Why?
- What questions did Jesus ask her?

- Who did she suppose Jesus was?
- Jesus speaks but one word, "_____". She then knows Who it is that speaks to her! She calls Him "_____".
 - What a beautiful scene! Why do you think Mary recognized Jesus by just the mention of her name?
 - According to vs. 17 (John), what did Mary then do?
 - What did Jesus then say? Why?
 - What commission does He then give to her?

THE APPEARANCE TO THE OTHER WOMEN

TEXT: Matt. 28:9,10

NOTE: Read as time permits