

Jesus is Alive!

John 20:11-18

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. 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."

Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."

Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"

- and that he had said these things to her.

We don't seek the living among the dead!
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Crucial point in
Biblical Christianity –

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Rom. 10:9

**1. Scripture said –
“He must rise from the dead!”**

Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed. Jn. 20:8

The evidence before
Peter and John

1. Certainty of the death of Jesus
 - . Eyewitness Jn. 19:35
 - . Executed by Romans Jn. 19:33
 - . Examination of Joseph and Nicodemus Matt 27:54

The evidence before Peter and John

2. Certainty of the burial of Jesus
 - . New tomb – no confusion of bodies. (Matt. 27:60)
 - . Joseph's tomb – no confusion of location. (Matt. 27:57-61)
 - . Sealed tomb and guarded – no confusion of a stolen body (Matt. 27:66)

The Evidence before Peter and John

3. Certainty of the empty tomb of Jesus
 - . Eyewitness Jn. 20:15
 - . Burial cloths in place – Jn. 20:5
 - . Stone rolled away – Jn. 28:4
 - . Soldiers like dead men –
Matt. 28:4

- soldiers gone - Matt. 28:11

... for as yet they did not understand the Scriptures,
that He must rise from the dead. (9)

Prophecies from
the Old Testament

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol or let your

Holy One

see corruption. (Ps. 16:10)

He shall see His offspring;

He shall prolong His days.

(Isa. 53:10)

Prophecies from Jesus Himself

Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up. (Jn. 2:19)

... from that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised . (Matt. 16:21)

Also -

Matt. 1:23; Matt. 20:19

Mark 8:31;9:31; 10:34

Lk. 9:22; Lk 18:31-32

His enemies remembered His words

“After 3 days I will rise.” Matt. 27:63

Therefore they secured the tomb.

The angels wanted us to remember His words –
Remember how He told you that the Son of Man must be
delivered ... be crucified and on
the third day rise.

Lk. 24:6

Jesus wanted us to remember it was foretold, said to
them, “Thus it is written that the Christ should suffer and
on the third day rise from the dead.” Lk. 24:46

2. The supernatural angels said – “Why are you weeping?”

Mary stood weeping outside the tomb and as she wept
she stooped to look into the tomb. Jn. 20:11

And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body
of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet.
(12)

They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” (13)
Angels at the empty tomb -

- An angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came
and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance
was like lightning and his clothing white as snow.

Matt. 28:2

Angels at the empty tomb -

- Women entered the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe and they were alarmed.

Mark 16:5

Angels at the empty tomb -

- Two men in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen." Lk. 24:4-6

From an angelic perspective

- . A moment of great power –
"rolled back the stone..."
- . A moment of great victory –
"Why are you weeping?"
- . A moment of great truth –
"He is not here but has risen!"

- This world brings tears
- Death brings tears
- Satan brings tears
- Sin brings tears

But the risen Jesus –

- . Brings hope to the hopeless
- . Brings victory to the defeated.

“Why are you weeping?”

- Death has not won!
- Satan has not won!
- Sin has not won!

“The answer is EASTER!

Friday was the day of suffering and pain and agony.

Saturday was the day of doubt and confusion and misery.

But Easter – That Sunday-
was the day of hope and joy
and victory!”

Rick Warren

3. She said, (Mary) –

“I have seen the Lord!”

Jn. 20:18

Mary Magdalene

- . Saw the stone had been
taken away. (1)
- . Saw the empty tomb – “They have
taken the Lord out of the tomb.” (2)
- . Saw two angels in white sitting

- in the tomb (12)
- . Saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus (14)
- . “I have seen the Lord!” (18)
(Matt. 28:9 – Jesus met them)
(other women with her -
“said to them” - v. 10)

Did not know it was Jesus?

- Deep emotion – head down, eyes full of tears?
- Disoriented – last glimpse of Jesus was on the cross or His body wrapped up?
- Delayed disclosure of His identity

Other appearances

of the risen Lord

- Peter (1 Cor. 15:5)
- Thomas and the disciples
(Jn. 20:24-29)
- Peter and the disciples at Galilee
(Jn. 21:7-14)
- The two disciples on the way to Emmaus (Lk. 24:13-34)

- Over 500 at one time (1 Cor. 15:6)
- Before His ascension (Acts 1:9)

Application?

- . Do you see the weight of evidence of His resurrection? It is true!
- . Do you hear the fulfilled prophecies? His word is true!
- . Do you know the heavenly perspective? He is victorious!
- . Do you accept the personal testimonies? "He is alive!"
- . Are you ready to believe?
He is here!