

## The Resurrection Accounts

The resurrection of Jesus is the most pivotal and prime event in Human History. All Jesus came to do was sealed by the resurrection. He has risen from the dead. God is not dead and because of that, there is hope for your situation.

The Word of God is the primary source and basis of truth as relates to the glorious event and it reveals the resurrection of Jesus. We should not be seeking external research to be satisfied. If you don't believe the Word, you won't believe any miracle. Believing is a step of faith.

Jesus prophesied His death and resurrection a total of **14 times (7 public and 7 private)**.

### **Matthew's account of the resurrection of Jesus**

**Matthew 28:1-10** In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first *day* of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulcher. And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead *men*. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you. And they departed quickly from the sepulcher with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word. And as they went to tell his disciples, behold,

Jesus met them, saying, **All hail.** And they came and held him by the feet, and worshiped him. Then said Jesus unto them, **Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.**

**Matthew mentions:**

- a) End of Sabbath as it begun to dawn toward the first day of the week (Sunday is the first day of the week).
- b) Mary Magdalene and the other Mary
  - i) These were women. God has no problem with women proclaiming.
  - ii) Mary Magdalene was one who Jesus had cast the devils/demons out of. She was in love with Him. He had touched her life.
  - iii) Many have been touched by Jesus, but they are not pursuing Him.
- c) Great earthquake
- d) The angel of the Lord had descended from heaven.
  - i) Stone rolled back from the door.
    - o Anything that is trying to keep you shut in the tomb, the resurrection power of God is removing that stone and barrier that could have hindered you from coming forth.
    - o When we look, we will see that our problem has already been taken care of. We look by faith. As we believe and trust the Lord, we will experience the victory we need.
    - o No matter how great, huge, or impossible your problem is, God can take care of it. No problem!

This stone was great to men, not to God. To God, this was a small pebble.

ii) Sat on the stone.

- He was sitting because the barrier is no longer a problem. He has taken care of it. He is sitting because He is above it.
- The Lord is sitting in the very barrier that was hindering you. It will not return in place. It has been moved for good.
- Whatever is a big deal in our lives, the angel of the Lord is sitting in it. The storm that is trying to drown you, it is no big deal to God. He is walking on top of it.

iii) His countenance was like lightning

No more darkness. There is light. Because Jesus is alive and has risen from the dead, there is light in your situation or circumstances. It is not over with you. His light is dispelling darkness.

iv) Raiment as white as snow.

e) For fear Keepers did shake and became as dead.

Those who are playing a part in holding you back from rising, cannot hinder the power of God on display from the inside of you. They will be knocked back.

f) Angel spoke to the women:

i) Fear not ye

- The first words the angel told the women was "*fear not ye*"

ii) I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

iii) The angel rehearsed that Jesus was crucified.

iv) He is not here.

- ☐ A risen person cannot be sought in the tomb. He is not there.

v) He is risen as He said.

- ☐ Jesus said that He would rise again (Matthew 12:40; 16:21; 17:9, 23; 20:19; John 2:19; 10:17). **He did as He said. Contrary to what the pharisees and chief priests said, he was not a deceiver.**

vi) Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

- ☐ You can see with your own eyes where he laid.

vii) Go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead.

- ☐ These women were the first to be charged to proclaim the resurrection of Jesus.

- This was to be proclaimed to Jesus' close circle first.

- Before we share certain information with the church for instance, we need to share it with our team first—the disciples.

- ☐ The angel told them "go quickly". This was urgent. This was such crucial and glad tidings that could not wait.

- Somethings have to be done quickly and this is one of those things.

- Because He is coming quickly (Revelations 3:11), we need to go tell them quickly.

- ☐ We now not only have to tell the followers of Jesus about His resurrection; we need to tell the whole

world. This is great news that needs to be herald from the roof top.

- The victory of the believer lies in the resurrection of Jesus. By knowing and believing that He is alive, we can do exploits and receive from God all that we need, why? Because He is alive.

g) Behold, he goeth before you into Galilee

- i) Jesus could not go before them unless He was alive. Because He is a live, we can believe and trust Him to go before us where He has called us to go.

h) there shall ye see him

- i) The Lord chose a place where they were going to see Him. That place was Galilee. God reveals Him self best while we do as He has said—while in His will.
- ii) If we have instruction from the Lord to go somewhere, we will see Him best and clearly while we are there, not here.
- iii) If He was not alive, He would not have told them that they would see Him. The Lord was alive and risen.

i) And they departed quickly from the sepulcher

- i) These women followed the instruction given by the angel. He had told them to “go quickly” so they departed quickly from the sepulcher.
- ii) We need to follow the Lord’s command swiftly when He says so.
- iii) We need to depart quickly from the tomb/grave because there is no life there. The tomb and grave can be things of this world. Anything that doesn’t have

life is not a place of life but a grave. We need to depart quickly from certain things.

j) with fear and great joy;

i) This shows that we can have both emotions. We can have fear and great joy. When God spoke to me to go to Uganda to direct Andrew Wommack Ministries, I had both fear and great joy as my emotions.

k) and did run to bring his disciples word

i) Again, some words have urgency. This was one of them. He was risen and was going to reveal Himself to them all in Galilee.

l) And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, **All hail.**

i) What would have happened if they had not quickly followed through? What would have happened if they did not do as instructed or talked themselves out of it because of one excuse or another?

☐ They would have missed an encounter with the risen Lord.

ii) When we do not follow the basic instructions from the Lord, we miss out on greater revelations of the Lord.

iii) As we go, God reveals Himself to us. We

m) And they came and held him by the feet, and worshiped him. Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

i) You cannot hold a spirit. This passage says that they held him by the feet.

☐ Jesus was risen physically and bodily. Some have said that He arose spiritually. Nothing can be further from the truth.

- ii) The risen Lord is to be worshipped. There is none like Him. We need to follow the example of these women.
- iii) The risen Lord speaks. If He was not risen, He would not be speaking to these women.
- iv) Jesus rehearsed and confirmed the Word that the angel had told them.
  - God will always confirm His instructions and direction to us.
  - Notice that this confirmation came as they were on their way obeying the initial word/instruction from the angel or messenger of the Lord.
  - Many are wanting confirmation but they are sitting still.

### **Mark's Account**

Mark 16:1-14 And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the *mother* of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning the first *day* of the week, they came unto the sepulcher at the rising of the sun. And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulcher? And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great. And entering into the sepulcher, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you. And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulcher; for they trembled and were

amazed: neither said they any thing to any *man*; for they were afraid. Now when *Jesus* was risen early the first *day* of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils. *And* she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept. And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not. After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country. And they went and told *it* unto the residue: neither believed they them. Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

a) *And when the sabbath was past,*

i) This is signifying that this was no longer the Sabbath day (Saturday). Matthew mentions that this was the first day of the week which would be a Sunday.

b) *Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.*

i) Mark mentions one more woman that Matthew did not mention. That woman is *Salome*.

□ God will see to it that if we are forgotten by one, He will cause another person to remember us.

ii) The reason the ladies were coming to the sepulcher was not to see if He was risen. They were going to anoint His body.

iii) These women had respect for the Lord even in death. They were going to embalm Him.

□ If they had remembered His prophecies about His resurrection, their approach would have been different.



c) *And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulcher at the rising of the sun.*

i) These women were early risers. This paid dividend. The disciples should have been up watching to see the Lord resurrect, but they weren't.

d) *And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulcher?*

i) What we are worried about, and/or thinking about a problem God has already provided for. It was nonexistent. At the time the angel had already removed the stone from the sepulcher.

ii) The Lord anticipates all our needs and provided for them upfront.

e) *And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great.*

v) Anything that is trying to keep you shut in the tomb, the resurrection power of God is removing that stone and barrier that could have hindered you from coming forth.

vi) When we look, we will see that our problem has already been taken care of. We look by faith. As we believe and trust the Lord, we will experience the victory we need.

vii) No matter how great, huge, or impossible your problem is, God can take care of it. No problem! This stone was great to men, not to God. To God, this was a small pebble.

viii) Matthew mentions that the angel moved the stone and sat on it.

f) *And entering into the sepulcher,*

- i) These women were looking for Jesus in the tomb. "Why seek ye the living among the dead?" (Luke 24:5).
  - ii) God is Not dead. He is alive and well.
- g) *they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted.*
- i) This was an angel.
  - ii) Matthew records that the angel was outside sitting on the rolled-away stone. Here Mark mentions that the angel was inside the Sepulcher on the right side. Luke mentions that they were two angels. When we put the account of Matthew and Mark together, we arrive at the two angels. One was sitting on the rolled-away stone and another was on the inside of the tomb.
- h) *And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.*
- i) Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth,
    - Who are you seeking? You should be seeking Jesus of Nazareth.
  - ii) Jesus was indeed crucified. Why was the angel saying this? These women knew He was crucified. This was common knowledge, **BUT He had risen**. He was not in the grave. I believe this was the reason that the angel was rehearsing the fact that He was crucified. You have to highlight the death if you are going to amplify the resurrection.
  - iii) This could have been a shock to these women considering that they were there for a totally different reason.
- i) *But go your way,*

- i) God commissioned these women to go tell His disciples.
- j) *tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee:*
  - i) Mark singles out Peter by name among all the disciples.
- k) *there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.*
  - ii) Again, as we go, we shall see Him there. What happens if we do not go?
- l) *And they went out quickly,*
  - i) There is certain news that needs to be communicated quickly.
- m) *and fled from the sepulcher;*
  - i) We need to flee from the sepulcher/grave. There is no life.
- n) *for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any man; for they were afraid.*
  - i) If we are hearing Him or have heard Him, why should we be amazed? He had said that He would be raised from the dead. This should not have been a surprise nor should it have caused any amazement.
  - ii) There would not have been fear if these women had not gone to the grave. The grave has no sign of life and going there will only produce fear.
- o) *Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week,*
  - i) It was a matter of time until Jesus rose hence the use of the word "**when.**" This did not say "**if.**"

ii) Jesus rose on the first day of the week—Sunday.

He rose on Sunday early in the morning before sunrise.

iii) He arose early. There is a time in our lives when we have to arise, yet not arise but arise **early**.

p) *he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.*

i) What a blessing for the Lord God to appear to Mary Magdalene **first**. Who would have thought so? She had a history, but that history did not disqualify her. Many would have written her off.

□ We need to be careful how we treat people. The very least or unexpected, God can still flow and use them.

ii) Why? I believe one of the reasons for this is because she was seeking. When we seek the Lord or desire the Lord to reveal Himself, He will.

iii) Notice that this says, "out of whom he had cast seven devils." Notice that the devils did not return. She was free. She had been set free.

q) *And she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept.*

i) Mary Magdalene followed the instructions of the angel of the Lord.

ii) She was told to tell the disciples, not anyone else and believe she did just that. We should not read between the lines and do more than we are commanded to do by the Lord.

□ God knew that there were other people that would have loved to hear the news of His resurrection,

but He told His inner circle first before He told the whole world.

- Leaders need to communicate with their leaders and inner circle first before they communicate with the body or anyone else.

*r) as they mourned and wept.*

- i) Why would they be mourning and weeping about this? This was the greatest news ever. The Lord had risen. He had risen as He had promised.

- This was simply unbelief. They weren't believing.

- ii) Unless they were tears of joy, I believe this was not the right response. If they were believing and awaiting His resurrection, their response would have been different.

- iii) We need to prepare our hearts for the right response. It does not just happen.

- iv) We need to stay in tune with the Word of God and His promises for us so that we are not weeping and mourning when we should be rejoicing and shouting for joy.

*s) And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not.*

- i) This was good news, great news. Why did they have this response?

- ii) It could be because they did not think more of her. God delivered the news of His resurrection through a very unlikely, uncommon and unexpected source. God has a habit of doing certain things in a way that confounds the wise (Isaiah 55:8-9; 1 Corinthians 1:27-29)

- iii) We need to be careful how we treat others. God will use those that are available and unexpected. God chose to deliver the greatest news ever of His resurrection through a woman that had been demon possessed.
- iv) Believing is a choice. These disciples chose not to believe.
- v) If we know the Word, and keep it in our remembrance, we will be able to believe in the midst of uncertainty.
- t) *After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country.*
  - i) This form was not that He appeared as a dove or an animal or a spirit. Jesus appeared to them in a resurrected, incorruptible glorified body. This body was a spiritual body that had to be discerned spiritually (1 Corinthians 2:14).
- u) *And they went and told it unto the residue: neither believed they them.*
  - i) There is some news that is got to be told. The resurrection of Jesus, which is the greatest event in the entire history of all mankind ought to be told. This should not be kept silent.
    - When people believe in their hearts this great news of the resurrection of Jesus, they will be saved (Romans 10:9-10).
  - ii) This was the second message of the resurrection. These two disciples who the Lord appeared to went and told the other disciples, but they still did not believe.
  - iii) Believing is a choice, but so is not believing.
  - iv) Jesus revealed Himself three times on His resurrection before He did so for the disciples. Each

of these times was for the purpose of letting the disciples know that He had risen and give them an opportunity to believe, yet they did not.

- Mary Magdalene (Mark 16:9-11; John 20:11-18)
- Other women such as Mary Magdalene and Joanna, and Mary *the mother* of James, and other *women that were* with them. (Matthew 28:1, 9-10; Luke 24:10).
- Two disciples on the road to Emmaus (Mark 16:12-13; Luke 24:13-35)

**The common denominator for all these three appearances was that they were all believers.**

v) *Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.*

- i) The Lord appeared to the Disciples. He will appear or reveal Himself to us to a greater point of living on the inside of us.
- ii) Here Jesus gives the very reason the disciples chose not to believe. It was because of the hardness of their heart. Their heart was hardened. It was insensitive, unyielding, and not soft towards Him.

They had no spiritual perception or understanding.

One of the reasons our hearts are hardened is when we do not consider the miracles, the Word, and the promises of God.

- iii) The Lord expected the disciples to believe. That's is why He sent certain people to tell them of His resurrection. He was believing and hoping for the best in them even though they did not show up as expected.

## Luke's Account

Luke 24:1-43 Now upon the first *day* of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulcher, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain *others* with them. 2 And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher. 3 And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: 5 And as they were afraid, and bowed down *their* faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?

6 He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, 7 Saying, the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. 8 And they remembered his words, 9 And returned from the sepulcher, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest.

10 It was Mary Magdalene and Joanna, and Mary *the mother* of James, and other *women that were* with them, which told these things unto the apostles. 11 And their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not. 12 Then arose Peter, and ran unto the sepulcher; and stooping down, he beheld the linen clothes laid by themselves, and departed, wondering in himself at that which was come to pass. 13 And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem *about* threescore furlongs. 14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened. 15 And it came to pass, that, while they communed *together* and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. 16 But their eyes were holden that they should not know him. 17 And he said unto them, *What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?* 18 And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days? 19 And he said unto them, *What things?* And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God



and all the people: 20 And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him. 21 But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, today is the third day since these things were done. 22 Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulcher; 23 And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive. 24 And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulcher, and found *it* even so as the women had said: but him they saw not. 25 Then he said unto them, *O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:* 26 *Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?* 27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. 28 And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further. 29 But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them. 30 And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed *it*, and broke, and gave to them. 31 And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. 32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the Scriptures? 33 And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them, 34 Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon. 35 And they told what things *were done* in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread. 36 And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, *Peace be unto you.* 37 But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. 38 And he said unto them, *Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?* 39 *Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.* 40 And when he had thus spoken, he showed them *his* hands and *his* feet. 41 And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, *Have ye here any meat?* 42 And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of a honeycomb. 43 And he took *it*, and did eat before them.

a) *Now upon the first day of the week,*

i) This was a Sunday.

b) *very early in the morning,*

i) According to Matthew 12:40, Jesus said he would be in the face of the earth for three nights and three days. So this means Jesus could not have been crucified on Good Friday. There is no way you could get three days and three nights if Jesus was crucified on Friday as we hold it traditionally. He was possibly crucified on Thursday and spent that day in the earth and then three nights starting Thursday night.

□ So for the days, it was: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and for the nights, it was: Thursday night, Friday night, and Saturday night.

□ This means Jesus arose sometime between midnight and sunrise.

ii) Furthermore, if you did not count Saturday as a full night, then He could have been crucified on Wednesday rather than Thursday.

iii) "The reason the crucifixion was traditionally set on Friday was because of a misunderstanding of verses like Luke 23:54 that speak of the Sabbath as being the day after the crucifixion. However, as can be clearly seen in John 19:31, the Sabbath spoken of was a high (or special) Sabbath, specifically the feast of the Passover. These special feasts were called Sabbaths also, regardless of the day of the week on which they fell (compare Mark 15:42 with John 19:14)." Andrew Wommack Living Commentary

c) *they came unto the sepulcher, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them*

i) Luke reveals that it was not Mary Magdalene alone.

d) *And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher.*

i) Anything that is trying to keep you shut in the tomb, the resurrection power of God is removing that stone and barrier that could have hindered you from coming forth.

ii) When we look, we will see that our problem has already been taken care of. We look by faith. As we believe and trust the Lord, we will experience the victory we need.

iii) No matter how great, huge, or impossible your problem is, God can take care of it. No problem! This stone was great to men, not to God. **To God, this was a small pebble.**

e) 3 *And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.*

Jesus was resurrected bodily, not spiritually as some cults have suggested. They did not find His body. Again, they were looking for Jesus among the dead yet He was already alive.

f) 4 *And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments:*

i) These two men were the angels of the Lord. God is a good God. If we are seeking as these women were at this time and we are perplexed, God will come through for us and will speak to us. He will not leave us in the dark even when we have messed up.

g) 5 *And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?*

i) Why were they afraid? One of the main reasons for that is they did not remember the promises the Lord had spoken to them in Galilee.

- Remembering removes fear. (Deu 7:18 Thou shalt not be AFRAID of them: *but* shalt well REMEMBER what the LORD thy God did unto Pharaoh, and unto all Egypt;)
- ii) The presence of an angel overwhelmed many people in the scriptures but how about the presence of the Lord. It is infinitely greater and better.
- iii) This is a very telling question and profound at the same time. Jesus was alive yet these women were seeking for Him among the dead. This only happened because they had forgotten the prophecies He had said about His resurrection.
- iv) We should be seeking a resurrected Jesus. Our God is well and alive.
- h) *6 He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,*
  - i) He is risen. Our champion is risen. Hallelujah.
  - ii) If we do not remember, we will end up missing God. We need to continually refresh our self to the promises of God's Word or else we forget.
  - iii) The angel reminded them of what Jesus had said.
- i) *7 Saying, the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.*
  - i) Son of man was used to refer to the physical side of Jesus. Why did the angels use the Son of man and not the Son of David or Son of God? I believe the reason they were emphasizing the bodily resurrection of Jesus. Jesus prophesied, not just His resurrection, but also His suffering and death.
- j) *8-9 And they remembered his words, 9 And returned from the sepulcher, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest.*

- i) Notice what they did when they remembered. A lack of memory causes us to error.
  - ii) Whenever we remember, the result will be us turning. We will turn from the place (Sepulcher) where there is no life.
  - iii) This was not a time of tears, but a time of celebration. This is also true of the death of Jesus on the cross. An understanding of what was being accomplished would cause us to rejoice and shout for joy.
  - iv) Notice also that they did not only turn from the sepulcher, they told all these things unto the eleven. Remembering what the Lord has said did not keep them silent, but rather made them more vocal.
- k) *10 It was Mary Magdalene and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and other women that were with them, which told these things unto the apostles.*
- i) Here Luke just combines all the women together but when we look at other accounts such as John's, we see that Mary Magdalene came to the tomb first when it was still dark (before sunrise) and was the first one to take Word to the disciples of the risen Lord's appearance to her (Mark 16:9). She was the very first one to preach the resurrection.
  - ii) I believe the other women that Luke Mentions came later after Mary Magdalene had come and left to go tell the disciples.
  - iii) Why did Jesus appear to her and not the rest of the women who came a little later? I believe the answer to this is because she was seeking more than others. If we seek, we find.

iv) A bunch of women were the ones God used to proclaim the greatest news to mankind. God uses women.

1) *11 And their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not.*

i) The news of the resurrection was like foolish talk to the disciples. But why? It' seems like Jesus was talking to the walk when He spoke to the disciples about His resurrection.

ii) Believing is a choice. People believe anything if they want to however in this case the Lord has promised that He would rise again after three days yet they chose not to believe.

m) *12 Then arose Peter, and ran unto the sepulcher; and stooping down, he beheld the linen clothes laid by themselves, and departed, wondering in himself at that which was come to pass.*

i) What in the world is this? Why was Peter wondering? The Lord had told them He would resurrect yet they were not believing the news and many of them were wondering. On many occasions, we get on Thomas' case but the entire resurrection account reveals the same issue with all the disciples.

ii) The disciples were with Jesus for 3.5 years yet they all did not know Him. They saw all the miracles He did but they all missed Him. They could not even call to memory the prophecies He had told them. If someone raised another man from the dead after 4 days (Lazarus), I would not doubt His own resurrection. Jesus did and said everything to remove any doubt about His resurrection yet they missed it.

iii) John 20:3-4 records that John ran with Peter and outran him to the tomb.

n) 13 *And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs.*

i) These were two disciples (one of them was Cleopas) that started on a journey to Emmaus. This was 7.5 miles from Jerusalem.

o) 14 *And they talked together of all these things which had happened.*

i) The resurrection was the talk on every one of the disciples' minds. They should have been rejoicing at these things.

p) 15 *And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.*

i) God is so good and so gracious. When these men were struggling with a lack of understanding, He was there with them. He is always with us, in us, and for us, we need to recognize that reap the benefits.

q) 16 *But their eyes were holden that they should not know him.*

i) The reason they could not recognize Him was that He appeared to them in another form (Mark 16:12). He was spiritual and they were carnal and they could not recognize spiritual through carnal.

ii) When Jesus rose from the dead, He still had a body, but this body was no longer a physical body but a spiritual body. It had to be discerned spiritually (1 Corinthians 2:14). He could be seen with physical eyes but could only be discerned spiritually through faith. I believe this is one of the reasons the disciples had a problem recognizing Him. They were used to seeing Him after the flesh alone.

iii) Everything in the kingdom of God is by and through faith. Even at the resurrection of Jesus, it took faith

for them to believe after they saw their resurrected/spiritual body. Many still doubted (Matthew 28:16-17).

r) 17 And he said unto them, *What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?*

i) This question reveals that they were talking about the resurrection but in doubt. Again, this was great news. There was no cause to be sad. One of the reasons for this sadness was because they were logically analyzing the resurrection and they missed God. The logic that things of God operate in is higher than the logic of this world.

ii) Notice also that they were in the presence of God and still sad. Why? Because they had not recognized Him and were in doubt even though they were talking about the resurrection. When we talk about things of God, we need to stay in faith, or else it will do us no good.

iii) The Lord is always with us. There is no need to being sad. In His presence is fullness of joy and pleasures evermore (Psalm 19:11).

iv) They were so deep in doubt they could not even hear His voice while He was right there with them.

s) 18 And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, *Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?*

i) Those who do not know the Lord will think of Him as a stranger. The Lord knows us more than we know ourselves yet many think He is a stranger and they keep Him out of their lives and they miss out in return.

t) 19 And he said unto them, *What things?* And they said unto him, *Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:*



- i) Again, they were talking about Him and they were already with Him. God asks questions. This is an indication on many occasions that we are off track or we are missing something.
- u) *20 And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him.*
  - i) They narrated all these things but they were still hopeless. You would think that them narrating all these things could have come to recall **the promise of the resurrection.**
  - ii) Jesus died by crucifixion.
- v) *21 But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, today is the third day since these things were done.*
  - i) We need to keep trusting, not trusted which is past tense. The Jews expected Jesus to usher in His kingdom during this time.
  - ii) These men should have been looking for Jesus alive since he had told them He would be alive in 3 days.
- w) *22 Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulcher;*
  - i) These women were a part of their company. They should have believed them.
  - ii) Those who are early will see and experience great things.
- x) *23 And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive.*

- i) Jesus did not belong among the dead. He was there temporarily. This should have been no surprise nor astonishing to these men mainly because He had promised that He would rise on the third day.
- ii) These women did not just come up with these words. They had seen an angels who told them that Jesus was alive.
  - Matthew records that the angel was outside siting on the rolled away stone. Here Mark mentions that the angel was inside the Sepulcher on the right side. Luke mentions that they were two angels. When we put the account of Matthew and Mark together, we arrive to the two angels. One who was sitting on the rolled away stone and another that was on the inside of the tomb.
- y) *24 And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulcher, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not.*
  - i) They did not need to see Him. The angel had spoken to them and above all Jesus had spoken to them earlier.
- z) *25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: 26 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?*
  - i) This was a stunning rebuke from the Lord. These disciples chose not to believe. The resurrection of Jesus was written and spoken about by the Prophets (Isaiah 52:14-53:12).
- aa) *27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.*
  - i) Jesus was pictured and shadowed in all of the Old Covenant. Here He expounded all the scriptures concerning Himself. It is interesting that Jesus pointed

them back to the Word rather than doing a miracle or something dramatic and unusual. He could have just revealed Himself as the risen Christ unto them but did not. He stuck to the scriptures. These men need to apply faith to this.

bb) *28 And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further.*

i) All this time Jesus is with them and talking with them, yet they could not recognize Him. Why? *But their eyes were holden that they should not know him* (Luke 24:16). The reason was that He was in another form (Mark 16:12) and it took faith to recognize Him. They had to know Him by faith or discern Him spiritually, not by their physical senses. He was having a spiritual body that had to be discerned by faith.

ii) It is interesting that Jesus made it as though He would have gone further. These men had to ask Him to stay with them. He was not going to force Himself on them. This is similar to what happened in Mark 6:48. He will walk by us if we do not put a demand on Him and invite Him in. God does not force Himself on us. He is gentle and will not force His way into our lives.

☐ If we do not want Him to be a part of us, He will walk right by. If we need and ask for His help, He will gladly intervene.

☐ The Lord has to be invited. If He is not invited, He will not force Himself in.

cc) *29 But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.*

i) When they constrained Him to abide with them, then only did He do so. Jesus would not have tarried with them if they did not ask Him to abide with them.

### **John's Account**

- a) *John 20:1 The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulcher, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulcher.*
  - i) Jesus rose from the dead on the first day of the week. This is one of the reasons the early church gathered on Sunday (First day of the week).
  - ii) John mentions Mary but other writers mention that she was with other women. Possibly they met Mary at the tomb or along the way.
  - iii) Mary was an early riser. This paid dividends. The disciples should have been up watching to see the Lord resurrect, but they weren't.

- iv) What we are worried about, and/or thinking about a problem God has already provided for. It was nonexistent. At the time the angel had already removed the stone from the sepulcher.
- b) *John 20:2 Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulcher, and we know not where they have laid him. 3 Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulcher.*
  - i) This was something worth running about.
  - ii) Notice that this said that she came to two people: One, Simon Peter; Two, the disciple whom Jesus loved.
  - iii) No! The Lord had not been taken away. He was risen. This is serious unbelief if not forgetfulness. The Lord had said over and over that He would rise from the dead over and over. This should not have raised any alarm.
- c) *John 20:4 So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter and came first to the sepulcher.*
  - i) Which disciple outrun Peter? The one whom Jesus loved—John. Here is a crucial revelation: **Those who have a revelation that they are loved by Jesus will outrun those who love Jesus. Huge difference!**
  - ii) The other truth we see in the Word is that although John knew how much Jesus loved him than Peter, Peter was a lot bolder than him.
- d) *John 20:5 And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in.*
  - i) Of course He was not in. He had risen and He had said he would.
- e) *John 20:6 Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulcher, and seeth the linen clothes lie,*

- i) Following who? John. Those who have a revelation of God's love for them will lead while others will follow.
- f) *John 20:7 And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself.*
  - i) The napkin was separate from the linen clothes but wrapped together in a place by itself. Jesus made His "bed" when He got up. We can be inspired to make our beds by this passage.
- g) *John 20:8 Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulcher, and he saw, and believed.*
  - i) The "other disciple" mentioned here is John himself. The Bible says he **believed** at the moment of not seeing Jesus' body in the sepulcher. He did not see an angel or have Jesus Himself appear to him to believe.
  - ii) His belief was of the heart not as a result of a supernatural appearance. John could have been the very first to believe that Jesus had resurrected without a supernatural occurrence.
  - iii) Here is a stunning truth: Those who know how much God loves them will believe before those who do not know.
- h) *John 20:9 For as yet they knew not the Scripture, that he must rise again from the dead.*
  - i) How is this possible? Jesus spent about 3 years teaching and in many instances talking about His death and resurrection. Even more, the prophets had mentioned and spoken of this very truth.
  - ii) Jesus prophesied about His death and resurrection about 14 times.
- i) *John 20: 10 Then the disciples went away again unto their own home. 11 But Mary stood without at the sepulcher weeping:*

*and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulcher,*

- i) Mary chose to stay and press in a little more. Although it was with tears, the Lord appeared to her and
  - ii) Mary should have been rejoicing, rather than weeping had she known the truth.
- j) John 20:12 *And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. 13 And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.*
- i) These angels asked a question that we are supposed to be asking many folks. Why are you weeping when Jesus is resurrected? This weeping was useless because Jesus was risen. A lot of our weeping is invalid and is based on a lack of knowledge.
- k) John 20:14 *And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.*
- i) Jesus appeared to Mary but she did not know that it was Him. This could have been because Jesus appeared in another form (Mark 16:12) after His resurrection. He was in a spiritual body that needed to be spiritually discerned.
  - ii) The disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13) did not recognize Him for a lot longer than Mary because He was in another form (spiritual body) with recognizable features but need to be discerned.
- l) John 20:15 *Jesus saith unto her, **Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou?** She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.*

- i) Jesus asked her the very same question the angels had asked her. There was no reason for her weeping. This weeping was out of ignorance. Many of us have Jesus standing beside us yet we do not recognize Him. If we did, we would not be falling apart.
- m) John 20:16 *Jesus saith unto her, **Mary**. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.*
  - i) Mary knew the voice of Jesus when He called her name but did not recognize His voice when He said, "Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou?"
  - ii) They could have been a way Jesus called her and how she recognized that.
- n) John 20:17 *Jesus saith unto her, **Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.***
  - i) For those that have a relationship with the Lord Jesus, His Father becomes their Father and His God, their God. What a deal! We have been elevated to a higher level.
- o) John 20:18 *Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.*
  - i) Have you seen the Lord? When we see or know the Lord, we will tell others. Mary was the first evangelist. She preached the resurrection of the Lord to the disciples.
  - ii) When we see the Lord, he will speak to us.
- p) John 20:19 *Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, **Peace be unto you.***



- i) Only John mentions that Jesus appeared in a room while the room was shut.
- q) John 20:20 And when he had so said, he showed unto them *his* hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.
  - i) We should be glad when we see the Lord. Seeing the Lord does not only refer to a physical seeing, but includes Him being in His presence, speaking to us, leading us, and providing for us.
- r) John 20:21 Then said Jesus to them again, *Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.*
  - i) Because this was a very unusual appearance of the Lord, he spoke peace to them and He right away commissioned them. The basis of Him sending them was the Father sending Him. This further strengthened their sending. With the same authority, the Father sent Jesus, He sent the disciples.
- s) John 20:22 And when he had said this, he breathed on *them*, and saith unto them, *Receive ye the Holy Ghost:*
  - i) This is when the Disciples got born again which is confirmed with them receiving the Holy Spirit. They would later be baptized in the Holy Ghost, which was another experience,
- t) John 20:23 *Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.*
  - i) This is not referring to us forgiving sins as in a person becoming born again. Salvation comes ONLY by faith in Jesus. No man can offer anyone forgiveness if that person does not believe on the Lord. Only God has the power to forgive sins which happens by believing on Jesus. We have not been given the authority to literally forgive people's sins. I know of a religion where people go and

confess to a spiritual leader and their sins are "forgiven."

- ii) This is referring to interceding for another person to not reap what they sow. This is remitting their sins and if we withdraw intercession from the person and they reap what they sow, then we are retaining their sins.
- u) John 20:25 *The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. <sup>26</sup> And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, **Peace, be unto you.***
  - i) This was not designed to freak people out which is why HE said Peace, be unto you. This is the second time Jesus did not use the door for entrance. He used the walls. How cool!
  - ii) Thomas had willed not to believe unless He saw and Jesus made this special appearance just for him.
- v) John 20:27-29 *Then saith he to Thomas, **Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.** <sup>28</sup> And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. <sup>29</sup> Jesus saith unto him, **Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.***
  - i) Seeing the Lord resurrected was great, but seeing Him through the Word and in our hearts is even better. The Lord placed a greater blessing on us who believe(d) without seeing. If we truly want to see, we need to believe first. Psalm 27:13 *"I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living."*

w) John 20:30 -31 And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:

<sup>31</sup> But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

i) If all the miracles Jesus did were to be written, all the books in the world could not contain them.

**He is risen.** Have you risen with Him? How do you do that? By believing on Him.