

Mark 16:1-20 **Resurrection of Jesus - Evidence**

Women find Empty Tomb

¹ Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. ² Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. ³ And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" ⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away--for it was very large. ⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is 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 into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you." ⁸ So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Appearance to Mary Magdalene

⁹ Now when He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons. ¹⁰ She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept. ¹¹ And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe.

Appearance to two on road to Emmaus

¹² After that, He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country. ¹³ And they went and told it to the rest, but they did not believe them either.

Appearance to the eleven

¹⁴ Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen.

Go into all the world and preach the Gospel – with Signs following

¹⁵ And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶ He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; ¹⁸ they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Ascension of Jesus

¹⁹ So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.

Preaching with Confirming Signs

²⁰ And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

Women bring spices to the Tomb of Jesus

✠ The first day of the week, before dawn, Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, and the other women from Galilee brought spices to anoint Jesus, "Who will roll the stone from the door?". [Matthew 28:1, Mark 16:1-3, Luke 24:1, 10, John 20:1]

Stone rolled from the door of the Tomb

✠ And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. [Matthew 28:2-3]

Guards smitten by great Fear

✠ And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men. [Matthew 28:4]

Angel announces the Resurrection to the women

✠ But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who 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 indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you." [Matthew 28:5-7, Mark 16:4-7, Luke 24:2-8]

The women ran to bring word to the disciples

✠ So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word. [Matthew 28:8, Mark 16:8, Luke 24:9, 11]

✧ The words of the women seemed to the disciples like idle tales, and they did not believe the women. [Luke 24:11, Mark 16:11]

Jesus appears first to Mary Magdalene

✠ On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him."

✧ Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first. And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there, and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed. For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again to their own homes. [John 20:1-10, Luke 24:12]

✧ But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, 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, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her. [John 20:11-18, Mark 16:9-10]

- ✧ Jesus could not be touched by Mary Magdalene at the tomb entrance because He had not yet fulfilled the required duty of the High Priest by making Atonement for the sins of the world. This He fulfilled when He arrived at the Tabernacle in Heaven and delivered His Own blood on the Mercy Seat before the Father. [Hebrews 9:11-12, Leviticus 16:17]

There shall be no man in the tabernacle of meeting when he goes in to make atonement in the Holy-Place, **until he comes out**, that he may make atonement for himself, for his household, and for all the assembly of Israel. [Leviticus 16:17]

Jesus appears to the women on their way to the disciples

- ✧ And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me." [Matthew 28:9-10]
- ✧ When He had accomplished the work of Atonement at the Mercy Seat in Heaven, Jesus returned and met the women on their way to tell the disciples, and at that time He could be touched. [Leviticus 16:17]

The guards report what they experienced to the Chief Priests and Elders

- ✧ Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened. [Matthew 28:11]

Chief Priests bribe the soldiers to misrepresent the event under their protection

- ✧ When they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, saying, "Tell them, 'His disciples came at night and stole Him away while we slept.' "And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will appease him and make you secure." So they took the money and did as they were instructed; and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day. [Matthew 28:12-15]

(Even today, over 2,000 years after the report to the Chief Priests by the guards, their false statement, devised by the Counsel at the time of the resurrection of Jesus, is still promoted by sects of Jewish Rabbis who refuse to look at the evidence of Jesus' resurrection. Because if they would examine the evidence, they would see a need to accept Jesus as the long awaited Messiah Ben-David, and that, by determined choice, they refuse to consider).

(In this we see the willful blindness that many people suffer to the destruction of their own souls. The evidence, and Eye Witness testimony, is plenteous, but men choose to remain in darkness, rather than to seek out the truth revealed in the evidence, for the saving of their own souls. There is no way to convince a person who refuses to consider the evidence available. This is blindness by choice).

Other appearances of Jesus after His Resurrection

- ✧ Then Jesus appeared to the two on their way to Emmaus. [Luke 24:13-35, Mark 16:12-13]
- ✧ Then Jesus appeared to the ten disciples when Tomas was missing. [John 20:19-23, Mark 16:14]
- ✧ Then Jesus appeared to the eleven when Tomas was present and He rebuked them for not believing the report of those who had seen Him earlier. to Tomas, Jesus said, "You are blessed because you have seen, but more blessed are those who have not seen but have believe the report of Eye-Witnesses. [John 20:24-29, Mark 16:14, Luke 24:36-43]
- ✧ Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that **all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.**" And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. [Luke 24:44-45]

✠ Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And **you are witnesses of these things**. Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high." [Luke 24:46-49]

Eleven disciples met Jesus on mountain in Galilee

✠ Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. [Matthew 28:16-17, John 21:1-24]

Great Commission

✠ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. [Matthew 28:18-20]

✠ And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." [Mark 16:15-18]

✧ The deciding factor is, belief of the one being Judged. [Matthew 21:31-32, Mark 16:16, John 1:6-7, 12, 3:14-18, 36, 5:24, 6:40, 47, 8:24, 11:26, 20:30-31, Acts 10:43, 13:38-39, 48, 16:31, Romans 1:16, 9:33, 10:1-13, 1 Corinthians 1:21, Galatians 2:16, 3:22, 1 Timothy 1:16, 4:10, Hebrews 10:39, 1 Peter 2:6, 1 John 5:13]

Jesus ascended to Heaven

✠ And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. [Luke 24:50-51]

✠ So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. [Mark 16:19, Acts 1:1-12]

✠ And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen. [Luke 24:52-53, Acts 1:12]

Disciples are eye-witnesses

✠ And **you are witnesses of these things**. [Luke 24:48]

✧ This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true. And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen. [John 21:24-25]

✧ And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name. [John 20:30-31]

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