

Life and Ministry of Jesus Christ

He is Risen

Last time...the Christ was buried

Timestamp: the evening hours between 3pm and 6pm

This time...3 days and 3 nights later, He is risen

There are 4 Gospels...4 accounts, 4 perspectives, all true

Matt 28

v1 dawn...first day:

Mary Magdalene and Mary

- the mother of James (lesser) and Joses
- the wife of Cleophas

return to the tomb of Jesus after the sabbath

(high Passover and Unleavened Bread, then regular Saturday)

Timestamp:

- dawn of the first day of the week
- Sunday morning, at daybreak (why Christians meet on this day)

Remember the Jewish day is sunset to sunset, per Gen 1:5

Roughly 6pm to 6pm

v2-3 great earthquake...angel:

This Sunday morning at the tomb of Jesus is marked by

1. a great earthquake – an earth shaking event
2. an angel
 - from heaven
 - shining brightly
 - clothing white as snow
 - with an assignment
3. rolling stone

v4 the keepers did shake:

The appearance and assignment of the angel had an effect on the watch put in place by the chief priests and Pharisees (Matt 27:62-66)

Such fear/alarm/fright that they became as dead men

- passed out
- fainted dead away
- took leave of their senses
- unconscious

This morning is also a life shaking event

v5-7 Fear not...not here...He is risen:

The angel from heaven came to the tomb of Jesus with an assignment:

1. roll away the stone to provide access to the empty tomb
2. give testimony to the faithful women looking for the body of Jesus
 - Fear not – peace is God’s message, fear is the devil’s message
 - Jesus is not here (in the tomb)...guarded to no effect by the Temple soldiers; man’s attempt to thwart the plan of God is pathetically futile
 - He is risen...as He said (repeatedly) when He foretold His crucifixion
3. give instruction to the faithful women
 - Come see the place where the Lord lay
 - see/know/understand that the tomb is empty
 - they witnessed His body being laid by Joseph and Nicodemus, they are witnesses of the empty tomb
 - Go quickly and tell His disciples
 - Jesus is risen from the dead
 - He goes before you to Galilee
 - There you will see Him, the risen Lord, with your own eyes

v8 departed...fear and great joy...word:

The Marys did as told – departed without delay, their minds racing and their emotions running wild, to bring Jesus’ disciples Good News

Principles/promises from this introductory passage on the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

1. Fear not: God's message, not the devil's message
2. He is not here: Jesus is NOT in the tomb, the tomb is empty
3. He is risen: Jesus defeated death and the grave, our enemies
(1 Cor 15:26)
4. as He said: Jesus is faithful to do just as He said;
our faith in a faithful God is WELL founded!
5. He goes before you: Always, every moment and every circumstance
6. Ye shall see Him: 1 John 3:2
Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear
what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall
be like him; for we shall see him as he is.
7. Go quickly and tell: Spread the Word – Jesus is risen from the dead!

Mark 16

v1-2 Mary...Mary...Salome...rising of the sun:

The 2 Marys were joined by Salome

- wife of Zebedee
- mother of James and John
- sister of Mary, Jesus' mother
- aunt of the Lord

Previously, after witnessing how and where the body of Jesus was buried,
they bought sweet/aromatic spices (Luke 23:56) to properly
complete the hasty job of burying Jesus' body

Virgin womb

Virgin tomb

Virgin fine white linen (Mark 15:46)

Virgin aromatic spices

They have come back to the tomb because they ran out of time before the
Sabbaths

Now that the Sabbaths are over, they come as soon as they can...
at the rising of the sun

I love the play on words!

At the rising of the Son

- The Dayspring (Job 38:12, Luke 1:78)
- The Sun of Righteousness (Mal 4:2)
- The Morning Star (Rev 22:16)

v3-4 Who shall roll us away the stone...the stone was rolled away:

As the 3 women are walking to the tomb of Jesus, they are discussing the problem soon to be confronting them – the great stone rolled across the door of the tomb

“Who is going to roll away the stone when we get there? We can’t...”

But when they actually got to the tomb, what did they see?

Problem solved...before they even got there

No need to worry...Matt 6:33-34

God had dealt with the problem before it even “arrived”

What “immoveable” problem are you facing?

- Hope this week
- Ministry to homeless kids in Middle East

No need to worry...God goes before you.

Don’t stop walking, keep walking one step at a time

v5-7 entering into...a young man...and Peter:

With the barrier stone rolled away for them, what did the women do?

They entered into the tomb of Jesus

Those who have gone to Israel with us have entered into also

Those going with us next month will!

Mark makes no mention of the angel sitting on the stone, as Matthew did

In Mark’s account, a young man...angel (the clothes give away “the man”)... is inside the tomb, sitting on the right side

A contradiction?

Hold that thought

The message from heaven to the faithful women is the same as recorded by Matthew

- Fear not
- He is risen
- He is not here (in the tomb)
- Go tell
- He goes before you
- Ye shall see Him
- As He said...Ch 14:26-28

However, Mark, recording Peter's account, gives us additional info: "and Peter"

What is the significance of this?

Where did we last see Peter?

Weeping bitterly, because...he had denied his Lord 3 times, "as He said"

The message from heaven to Peter, and to all mankind:

The door to the kingdom of God is not closed to those who denied
Jesus (unprepared in a Jesus-hostile environment)

Forgiveness and restoration are available to deniers who come to
Jesus (stand with Jesus, not with the world)

God's love and grace will remove that stain

v8 fled...trembled...amazed:

The 3 faithful women did as instructed by the angel, fleeing the empty tomb with
fear and amazement

They did not so much as stop to tell any of the other people out and about on this
morning of resumed activity in Jerusalem

Luke 24

v1 they came...others with:

"they" are the 2 Marys of Ch 23:55-56, joined by Salome

The sweet/aromatic spices, to finish the job of burial, were to combat
decomposition...on the 4th day (John 11:39)

v2-3 found the stone...found not the body:

Arriving at the tomb of Jesus, the women

a. found the stone rolled away already...found NOT a barrier

b. found NOT the body of Jesus

Note: There is more than enough room for 3 people in the tomb Joseph had
chiseled out for himself

This rich man's tomb, carved out of solid rock, had a Mourning Chamber
for about 6 adults and two inclined burial "slabs"...

one complete on the left (where Jesus was laid) and

one incomplete on the right (to this day)

The angel is sitting on the right, the unfinished slab (Mark 16:5)...
the finished slab is holy ground! (John 20)

v4-5 two men:

In Matthew's account, an angel was sitting on the rolled away stone
when the women arrived at the tomb

In Mark's account, an angel was sitting inside the tomb on the right side
when the women entered into the tomb

In Luke's account, there were 2 angels present

No contradiction, different perspectives

The women were afraid (and surprised by) the angels and they looked down

The angels ask them a penetrating and revealing question:

Why do you seek the living among the dead?

Matt 16:16 Peter's profession of faith

Matt 22:32 God of the resurrection

Acts 2:23-24 not possible for death to hold Him

Rev 1:18 lived, was dead, am alive forevermore

i.e. Jesus Whom you seek is alive, He is NOT dead, bodily resurrected
fulfilling Ps 16:10 no corruption to the body

v6-8 remember...remembered:

The heart of the message from heaven to earth is the same in this account, too:
He is not here, but is risen

Added is an important exhortation: Remember what Jesus said

Luke 9:22 (in Galilee)

The Son of Man (Adam)...is the Son of God, John 1:14
must...according to God's foretold Plan of Redemption

God cannot lie (His Word),

God cannot fail (His Plan of Redemption)

delivered into the hands of sinful men...Adam's race, Jew and Gentile
crucified...suffer and die, lay down His life

the third day rise again...take up His life again on the 3rd day
(the part they seemed to not hear or forget)

And they remembered His words

God helped them remember Jesus' words

He has sent us a memory Helper..."as He said."

John 14:26 teach all things, remembrance what I said

John 15:26 testify of Me

John 16:13 guide into all truth

Application

After 3 days and 3 nights, what has happened?

Ps 2

v1 Why do the heathen rage?
 Scourged Him
 Mocked Him
 Beat Him
 Spit on Him
 Crowned Him with thorns
 Crucified Him
and the people image a vain thing?
 He is guilty of death!
 Away with this man!
 Crucify Him, crucify Him!
 We will not have this man to reign over us!
 His blood be upon us and on our children.
 We have no king but Caesar.
 If you be King of the Jews, save Yourself.
 Save Yourself and come down from the cross.
 Let Christ the King of Israel descend now from the cross that we may see
 and believe.

v6 A week ago, Zech 9:9b
 behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he *is* just, and having salvation; lowly,
 and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.
Now, Jesus has walked out of the tomb, having conquered death...King of kings

v7 this day I have begotten Thee...what day?
 This day, the day of His resurrection
 Acts 13:14-16, 26-34
 1 Cor 15:20-23
 1 Cor 15:51-57
 1 Cor 15:1-4

Now possible: to be born again of the Spirit of God
Born out of man-kind into Christ-kind

Heb 1:5 For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art
 my Son, this day have I begotten thee?
No angel died and rose again to save us from death

To paraphrase Trey Goudy:

Jesus Christ bridged	man	to	God
	death		life
	time		eternity

Jesus Christ paid for justifiable forgiveness of our sins
our new identity..."in Christ"