

RECONCILING THE RESURRECTION

Matthew 28 (blue) Mark 16 (red) Luke 24 (black) John 20 (green)

In the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre and said, Who shall roll away the stone from the door of the sepulchre? 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, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they anything to any man for they were afraid.

Now upon the first day of the week, they came [again] unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, they, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, Joanna and Salome and certain others with them, came to see the sepulchre. And when they looked, they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre for it was very great. And they entered into the sepulchre and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, they saw two young men in shining garments; And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified; he is risen; he is not here remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. Come, see the place wither the Lord lay. Go quickly and tell his disciples and Peter 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 sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word, 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 sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him. And they remembered his words, And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest. Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre. So they ran both together; and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre. And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in. Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre. And seeing the linen clothes lie, and the napkin, that was about this head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself. Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw and believed. For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again unto their own home. But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: 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. Jesus saith unto her, Mary.