

## Synchronizing the Resurrection Narratives, Event #11: Having seen the angels, the women ran from the tomb scared speechless, but Jesus appears to them, Mark 16:8; Matt. 28:8-10.

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Review of the resurrection *events* up to this point (I have narrowed down the *approximate* hour of the events based on sunset of Saturday, April 4, 33 and the sunrise of Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>); MM is Mary Magdalene.

- Event #1: Saturday, 5:45 p.m., April 4, 33: Two Marys go to “look” at tomb, Matt. 28:1.
- Event #2: Sunday, 3:00 a.m., April 5, 33: Earthquake and angel from heaven, Matt. 28:2-4.
- Event #3: Sunday, 4:00 a.m., MM visits the tomb before daybreak, Jn. 20:1.
- Event #4: Sunday, 4:15 a.m., MM reports empty tomb to John & Peter, Jn. 20:2.
- Event #5: Sunday, 4:30 a.m., Peter and John run to the tomb, Jn. 20:3-9.
- Event #6: Sunday, 4:40 a.m., MM returns to tomb & sees 2 angels, Jn. 20:10-13.
- Event #7: Sunday, 4:50 a.m., MM sees the Risen Lord, Jn. 20:14-17.
- Event #8: Sunday, 5:00 a.m., MM tells disciples who do not believe her, Jn. 20:18; Mk. 16:9-11.
- Event #9: Sunday, 6:00 a.m., MM & other women go to tomb of Jesus, Mk. 16:1-3; Lk. 24:1-2.
- Event #10: Sunday, 6:30 a.m., Women enter tomb; 3 angels, Mt. 28:5-7; Mk 16:4-7; Lk. 24:3-8.
- Event #11: Sunday, 7:00 a.m., Women run in fear; Jesus meets them, Mt. 28:8-10; Mk. 16:8.

Here is a synchronization of the accounts that includes the various Gospel passages through event #11—note that there are no contradictions; I have not omitted a single incident:

[Saturday evening]

**Matthew 28:1** Now late on the Sabbath, as it began the first *day* of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the grave.

[Sunday 3:00 a.m.]

**Matthew 28:2-4** And behold, a severe earthquake had occurred, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it. <sup>3</sup> And his appearance was like lightning, and his garment as white as snow; <sup>4</sup> and the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.

[Sunday before daybreak]

**John 20:1** Now on the first *day* of the week Mary Magdalene came early to the tomb, while it was still dark, and saw the stone *already* taken away from the tomb.

[Mary's and disciples' predawn activities around the tomb]

**John 20:2-18** And so 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." <sup>3</sup> Peter therefore went forth, and the other disciple, and they were going to the tomb. <sup>4</sup> And the two were running together; and the other disciple ran ahead faster than Peter, and came to the tomb first; <sup>5</sup> and stooping and looking in, he saw the linen wrappings lying *there*; but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Simon Peter therefore also came, following him, and entered the tomb; and he beheld the linen wrappings lying *there*, <sup>7</sup> and the face-cloth, which had been on His head, not lying with the linen wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> So the other disciple who had first come to the tomb entered then also, and he saw and believed. <sup>9</sup> For as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. <sup>10</sup> So the disciples went away again to their own homes. <sup>11</sup> But Mary was standing outside the tomb weeping; and so, as she wept, she stooped and looked into the tomb; <sup>12</sup> and she beheld two angels in white sitting, one at the head, and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had been lying. <sup>13</sup> And 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." <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned around, and beheld Jesus standing *there*, and did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> 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." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means, Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, "Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren, and say to them, 'I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene came, announcing to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and *that* He had said these things to her.

[MM reports to the disciples but they do not believe her; Mark here agrees with John about Mary's earlier visit]

**Mark 16:9-11** Now after He had risen early on the first day of the week, He first appeared to Mary Magdalene, from whom He had cast out seven demons. <sup>10</sup> She went and reported to those who had been with Him, while they were mourning and weeping. <sup>11</sup> And when they heard that He was alive, and had been seen by her, they refused to believe it.

[MM meets up with other women and goes to the tomb]

**Mark 16:1-3** And when the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the *mother* of James, and Salome, bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. <sup>2</sup> And very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. <sup>3</sup> And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" **Luke 24:1-2** But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, bringing the spices which they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb,

[They entered the tomb and see one angel where Jesus was laid]

**Mark 16:4-7** And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away, although it was extremely large. <sup>5</sup> And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting at the right, wearing a white robe; and they were amazed. <sup>6</sup> And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen; He is not here; behold, *here is* the place where they laid Him. <sup>7</sup> "But go, tell His disciples and Peter, 'He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He said to you.'" **Matthew 28:5-7** And the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. <sup>6</sup> "He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying. <sup>7</sup> "And go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead; and behold, He is going before you into Galilee, there you will see Him; behold, I have told you."

[Two more angels suddenly appear]

**Luke 24:3-8** but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> And it happened that while they were perplexed about this, behold, two men suddenly stood near them in dazzling apparel; <sup>5</sup> and as *the women* were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, *the men* said to them, "Why do you seek the living One among the dead? <sup>6</sup> "He is not here, but He has risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup> And they remembered His words,

[Being frightened by the angels, the women ran from the tomb telling no one—scared speechless—but Jesus meets them and instructs them to go tell the disciples]

**Mark 16:8** And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had gripped them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. **Matthew 28:8-10** And they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy and ran to report it to His disciples. <sup>9</sup> And behold, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and take word to My brethren to leave for Galilee, and there they shall see Me."

In Christ,

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