

## Synchronizing the Resurrection Narratives, Event #12: Having seen Jesus, the women went to tell the disciples; the two guards go to priests, Matt. 28:11-15.

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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.
- Event #12: Sunday, 8:00 a.m., Women went to tell disciples; soldiers report, Mat 28:11-15.

Here is a thumbnail synchronization of the accounts thus far: Two Marys visit tomb Saturday evening (Matt. 28:1), then perhaps at 3:00 a.m. Sunday an angel of the Lord rolled away the stone (Matt. 28:2-4). John then gives us several events beginning before sunrise (“while it was still dark” – yet under an almost full moon) of Mary and the disciples (John 20:1-18). After Mary sees Jesus, she returns to the disciples but they “refuse to” believe her (Mark 16:9-11). Mary then meets up with other women coming to the tomb (Mark 16:1-3; Luke 24:1-2). They women enter the tomb and see one angel sitting where Jesus was laid (Mark 16:4-7; Matt. 28:5-7), then “suddenly” two more angels appeared in the tomb (Luke 24:3-8). The women become frightened and run away *speechless* (Mark 16:8), but Jesus appears to them and comforts them and they go tell the disciples (Matt. 28:8-10). As they were going to tell the disciples, the soldiers who had passed out at the sight of the angel earlier make their way into the city. Rather than report their failure to secure the tomb to their Roman military superiors, they went to the chief priests and received money to lie about what had happened. The soldiers were also given assurance by the religious leaders that if it became necessary they would intervene with Pilate to keep them out of trouble (most of the above is the result of Stephen Kingsley’s work). This Gospel account of event twelve is found in

**Matthew 28:11-15** Now while they were on their way, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all that had happened. <sup>12</sup> And when they had assembled with the elders and counseled together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, <sup>13</sup> and said, "You are to say, 'His disciples came by night and stole Him away while we were asleep.' <sup>14</sup> "And if this should come to the governor's ears, we will win him over and keep you out of trouble." <sup>15</sup> And they took the money and did as they had been instructed; and this story was widely spread among the Jews, *and is* to this day.

Blessed by Esse,

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