

Matthew 28

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<p>CONTEXT: Jesus has been tried and condemned. He has been abused, spit upon, beaten and crucified. At noon, the sun ceased to shine until 3pm, when he breathed his last breath. Joseph of Arimathea has asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. He and Nicodemus have brought about 100 pounds of myrrh and aloes. They rolled a large stone against the entrance of the tomb and left. The chief priests asked Pilate to send a company of soldiers to guard the tomb. Pilate sent soldiers and they put a seal on the stone and set up a guard. The high priests, Pilate and the soldiers were aware that Jesus claimed he would rise from the dead on the third day. They were prepared and would do everything they could to prevent it.</p>			
<p>HISTORICAL PRESENT: New Testament Greek often employs a device to add emphasis and to bring a scene to life. It is called the historical present. Although the event is in the past, the writer will switch to the present tense. For example, instead of writing "Jesus spoke to the crowd" they might write "Jesus speaks to the crowd." I remember how moved I was the first time I encountered it. Suddenly, it was as if I had been transported through time to Bible days and was watching the scene unfold before me. It was like listening to a news reporter giving us a play-by-play: "Jesus is getting out of the boat and laying hands on the sick and making them well." The New American Standard version (which I am using) marks these verbs with an asterisk. I have highlighted them (although I may have missed some) to make them more visible. Each time you see one, try reading the verb in the present tense. Since the present tense in Greek is "continuous" action, you might use the English equivalent. For example, John 20:1 could be translated: "Mary Magdalene is coming to the tomb early, while it is still dark."</p>			
<p>Morning Dawns on the Third Day</p>			
<p>1 Now after the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first [day] of the week,</p>	<p>Mark 16: 1 When the Sabbath was over, <i>[the women's names, below]</i> 2 Very early on the first day of the week,</p>	<p>Luke 24: 1 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn,</p>	<p>John 20: 1 Now on the first [day] of the week Mary Magdalene *came early to the tomb, while it *was still dark,</p>
<p>Mary Magdalene and the other Mary</p>	<p>[Mary Magdalene, and Mary the [mother] of James, and Salome,</p>	<p>[10 Now they were Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the [mother] of James; also the OTHER WOMEN with them]</p>	
<p>Handout = The Women. What we know about the women who followed Jesus.</p>			

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came to look at the grave.	bought spices , so that they might come and anoint Him.]	they came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared .	
2 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.			
3 And his [[the angel's]] appearance was like lightning , and his clothing as white as snow .			
4 The guards shook for fear of him and became like dead men .			
[the guards leave]			
	they *came to the tomb when the sun had risen .		
	3 They were saying to one another, " Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb? "		
	4 Looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away, although it was EXTREMELY LARGE .	2 And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb,	and *saw the stone [already] taken away from the tomb.
	5 Entering the tomb,	3 but when they entered , they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.	

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	they † saw a young MAN sitting at the right, wearing a white robe ; and they were amazed.	4 While they were perplexed about this, behold, two MEN suddenly stood near them in dazzling clothing ; 5 and as [the women] were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground,	
5 The ANGEL said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. 6 "He is not here, for HE HAS RISEN ,	6 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;	[the men] said to them, " Why do you seek the living One among the dead? 6 "He is not here, but HE HAS RISEN ."	
just as He said.		Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee, 7 saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again." 8 And they remembered His words,	
Come, see the place where He was lying.	behold, [here is] the place where they laid Him.		
7 "Go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead;	7 "But go, tell His disciples and Peter ,		
and behold, He is going ahead of you into Galilee, there you will see Him; behold, I have told you."	'He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He told you.'"		

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8 And they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to report it to His disciples.	8 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.	9 and returned from the tomb	
<p>THE SHORTER ENDING OF MARK:</p> <p>Good Article: https://earlychurchhistory.org/beliefs-2/long-or-short-ending-in-mark/</p> <p>Some people today believe that Mark intentionally stopped before the proof of the resurrection and they concoct all kinds of explanations for it, some who believe that the original ending was short try to explain why he stopped here. Others use this to “prove” that the resurrection was an idea that they came up with later. But the longer ending of Mark is quoted by early church fathers, without comment. Those who want to discredit the Bible claim that Mark is the first gospel in order to promote their idea that the resurrection was not in the earliest accounts.</p>			
		9 and returned from the tomb and reported all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.	2 So she [Mary Magdalene] *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."
		10 Now they were Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the [mother] of James; also the other women with them were telling these things to the apostles. 11 But these words appeared to them as nonsense, and they would not believe them.	

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Peter and John Run to the Tomb			
		12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb;	3 So Peter and the other disciple went forth, and they were going to the tomb. 4 The two were running together; and the other disciple ran ahead faster than Peter and came to the tomb first;
			5 and stooping and looking in, he *SAW THE LINEN WRAPPINGS LYING [THERE;] but he [John] did not go in.
		stooping and looking in, he [Peter] *SAW THE LINEN WRAPPINGS ONLY;	6 And so Simon Peter also *came, following him, and entered the tomb; and he *saw the linen wrappings lying [there,] 7 and the face-cloth which had been on His head, not lying with the linen wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself.
			8 So the other disciple who had first come to the tomb then also entered , and he SAW AND BELIEVED . 9 For as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead.
		and he [Peter] went away to his home , marveling at what had happened.	10 So the disciples went away again to their own homes .

NOTE: John's account makes more sense as to timing and details. It looks like Mary and one or more of the others returned to the tomb when John and Peter ran to the tomb. John and Peter may have already left by the time the women returned. If all you read was the book of John, you would conclude that all they saw on the first visit was the empty tomb, and no angels. The narrative is confusing on this point, but it is to be expected from eye-witness accounts of such an incredible event. I tend to believe that it happened this way:

1. Jesus was raised from the dead.
2. The Angel rolled back the stone and was seen by the soldiers.

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3. The women came after the soldiers left.
4. They saw the empty tomb and ran back to the disciples. They may have seen men who they suspected were angels but they may not have included this in their first report.
5. Peter and John ran to the tomb
6. The women returned to the tomb and spoke with the angels
7. Mary saw and spoke with Jesus (some other women were with her)
8. They returned to the disciples and told them about the angels and seeing Jesus alive.
9. The disciples did not believe them

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

	<p>9 [Now after He had risen early on the first day of the week, He first appeared to Mary Magdalene, [John 20:14] from whom He had cast out seven demons.</p>		<p>11 But Mary was standing outside the tomb weeping; and so, as she wept, she stooped and looked into the tomb;</p>
			<p>12 and she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had been lying.</p>
			<p>13 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."</p>
			<p>14 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing [there,] and did not know that it was Jesus. 15 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,</p>

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			tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away."
9 And behold, Jesus met them and greeted them .			16 Jesus * said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means, Teacher).
And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him.			17 Jesus * said to her, "Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father;
10 Then Jesus * said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and take word to My brethren to leave for Galilee, and there they will see Me. "			but go to My brethren and say to them, "I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God."
	10 She went and reported to those who had been with Him, while they were mourning and weeping.		18 Mary Magdalene * came, announcing to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and [that] He had said these things to her.
	11 When they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they refused to believe it.		
The Chief Priests Bribe the Guards			
11 Now while they were on their way, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all that had happened.			
12 And when they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of			

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<p>money to the soldiers, 13 and said, "You are to say, 'His disciples came by night and stole Him away while we were asleep.'</p>			
<p>14 "And if this should come to the governor's ears, we will win him over and keep you out of trouble."</p>			
<p>15 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.</p>			

Jesus Appears to Two on the Road to Emmaus

<p>Mark 16: 12 After that, He appeared in a different form to two of them while they were walking along on their way to the country.</p>	<p>Luke 24: 13 And behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 And they were talking with each other about all these things which had taken place. 15 While they were talking and dis-cussing, Jesus Himself approached and [began] traveling with them. 16 But their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him.</p> <p>17 And He said to them, "What are these words that you are exchanging with one another as you are walking?"</p> <p>And they stood still, looking sad. 18 One [of them,] named Cleopas, answered and said to Him, "Are You the only one visiting Jerusalem and unaware of the things which have hap-pened here in these days?"</p> <p>19 And He said to them, "What things?" And they said to Him, "The things about Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people, 20 and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to the sentence of death, and crucified Him. 21 "But we were hoping that it was He who was going to re-deem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things happened. 22 "But also some women among us amazed us. When they were at the tomb early in the morning, 23 and did not find His body, they came, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said that He was alive.</p> <p>24 "Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just exactly as the women also had said; but Him they did not see."</p>
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	<p>25 And He said to them, "O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! 26 "Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?" 27 Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.</p> <p>28 And they approached the village where they were going, and He acted as though He were going farther. 29 But they urged Him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is [getting] toward evening, and the day is now nearly over." So He went in to stay with them.</p> <p>30 When He had reclined [at the table] with them, He took the bread and blessed [it,] and breaking [it,] He [began] giving [it] to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight.</p> <p>32 They said to one another, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?"</p>		
The Two Return from Emmaus to Jerusalem			
	Mark: 16: 13 They went away	33 And they got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem,	
		and found gathered together the eleven and those who were with them,	19 So when it was evening on that day, the first [day] of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews,
		34 saying, "The Lord has really risen and has appeared to Simon. "	
	and reported it to the others,	35 They [began] to relate their experiences on the road and how He was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread.	

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	but they did not believe them either.		
Jesus Appears to His Disciples			
	14 Afterward He appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining [at the table;]	36 While they were telling these things, He Himself stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be to you."	Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace [be] with you."
		37 But they were startled and frightened and thought that they were seeing a spirit.	
	and He reproached them for their unbelief and hardness of heart , because they had not believed those who had seen Him after He had risen.	38 And He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39 "See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."	
		40 And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. 41 While they still could not believe [it] because of their joy and amazement, He said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" 42 They gave Him a piece of a broiled fish; 43 and He took it and ate [it] before them.	20 And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side . The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

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			<p>21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace [be] with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you." 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 "If you forgive the sins of any, [their sins] have been forgiven them; if you retain the [sins] of any, they have been retained."</p>
Jesus Appears to Thomas and the Disciples			
			<p>24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples were saying to him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."</p>
			<p>26 After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus *came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace [be] with you." 27 Then He *said to Thomas, "Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing." 28 Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus *said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed [are] they who did not see, and [yet] believed." 30 Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.</p>

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Jesus Appears to the Disciples in Galilee			
<p>[John 21:1-25 NASB95] 1 After these things Jesus manifested Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and He manifested [Himself] in this way. 2 Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the [sons] of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. 3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will also come with you."</p> <p>They went out and got into the boat; and that night they caught nothing. 4 But when the day was now breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. 5 So Jesus said to them, "Children, you do not have any fish, do you?" They answered Him, "No." 6 And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right-hand side of the boat and you will find [a catch.]" So they cast, and then they were not able to haul it in because of the great number of fish. 7 Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." So when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put his outer garment on (for he was stripped [for work]), and threw himself into the sea. 8 But the other disciples came in the little boat, for they were not far from the land, but about one hundred yards away, dragging the net [full] of fish.</p> <p>9 So when they got out on the land, they saw a charcoal fire [already] laid and fish placed on it, and bread. 10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have now caught." 11 Simon Peter went up and drew the net to land, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not torn. 12 Jesus said to them, "Come [and] have breakfast." None of the disciples ventured to question Him, "Who are You?" knowing that it was the Lord. 13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave [it] to them, and the fish likewise.</p> <p>14 This is now the third time that Jesus was manifested to the disciples, after He was raised from the dead. 15 So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, [son] of John, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My lambs." 16 He said to him again a second time, "Simon, [son] of John, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Shepherd My sheep." 17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, [son] of John, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Tend My sheep. 18 "Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to gird yourself and walk wherever you wished; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will gird you, and bring you where you do not wish to [go.]" 19 Now this He said, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me!" 20 Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following [them;] the one who also had leaned back on His bosom at the supper and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?" 21 So Peter seeing him said to Jesus, "Lord, and what about this man?" 22 Jesus said to him, "If I want him to remain until I come, what [is that] to you? You follow Me!" 23 Therefore this saying went out among the brethren that that disciple would not die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but [only,] "If I want him to remain until I come, what [is that] to you?"</p>			
16 But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated.			

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17 When they saw Him, they worshiped [Him;] but some were doubtful.			
18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.			
		44 Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." 45 Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,	
19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."	15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. 16 "He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.	46 and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, 47 and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 "You are witnesses of these things.	
	17 "These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues; 18 they will pick up		

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	serpents, and if they drink any deadly [poison,] it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."		
			<p>Acts 1:1-14 NASB95]</p> <p>1 The first account I composed, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2 until the day when He was taken up [to heaven,] after He had by the Holy Spirit given orders to the apostles whom He had chosen. 3 To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over [a period of] forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God.</p>
		49 "And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."	4 Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," [He said,] "you heard of from Me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."
			6 So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority;
			8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

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		50 And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them.	
	19 So then, when the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.	51 While He was blessing them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven.	9 And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.
			10 And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. 11 They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."
			12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.
		52 And they, after worshipping Him , returned to Jerusalem with great joy, 53 and were continually in the temple praising God.	13 When they had entered [the city,] they went up to the upper room where they were staying; that is, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James [the son] of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas [the] [son] of James. 14 These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with [the] women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.
	20 And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them, and		

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	<p>confirmed the word by the signs that followed.] [[And they promptly reported all these instructions to Peter and his companions. And after that, Jesus Himself sent out through them from east to west the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.]]</p>		