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The Watch At The Sepulcher Matthew 27:62-66

Fear of the Jews.

- Matthew 27:63, "We remember that that deceiver said while he was yet alive, After three days I rise again." (cf. John 2:19)
- Matthew 27:64 Afraid the disciples would steal the body.
- Tomb sealed and guarded. Matthew 27:66

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The Empty Tomb.

Early on the first day of the week.

- Jesus arose "on the third day" (Matthew 16:21; Luke 9:22; Acts 10:40; 1 Corinthians 15:4), "in three days" (Matthew 26:61; John 2:19), "after three days" (Matthew 27:63; Mark 8:31).
- Even though John names only Mary Magdalene (John 20:1), we know that other women were with her. (cf. Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:1-4; Luke 23:1-3, 10)
 - Women had rested on the Sabbath day. (Matthew 27:61; Mark 15:47; Luke 23:55-56)

The Empty Tomb.

Tomb opened. Matthew 28:1-4; Mark 16:1-4; Luke 24:1-3

- Mary Magdalene reports to Peter and John. John 20:1-2
- Other women enter the tomb and instructed by two angels. cf. Mark 16:1-8
- READ: Luke 24:1-8, "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen."

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The Empty Tomb – Peter and John Luke 24:12; John 20:3-10

- They found the linen clothes in which the body had been wrapped lying in one place, and the handkerchief which had been about His head carefully folded and laid separately.
- What they witnessed caused them to *"believe"* that Jesus had been raised.
- Yet, they "knew not the scripture."
 - Certainly, they had read Psalms 16:10 and we know that Jesus had told them He would be crucified, then raised (cf. Luke 24:6-7; Matthew 16:21), but they had not fully understood (cf. Luke 24:45-48).

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Jesus' First Appearance

Mary Magdalene. Mark 16:9-11; John 20:11-18

- Mark explains that the purpose of their visit was to bring spices to anoint Jesus' body (Mark 16:1).
- Mark also reveals to us the concern the women expressed on the way to the tomb. (Mark 16:3-4).
 - Matthew 28:2 explains how the stone was rolled away ... Note the effect on the "*watchers*."
- Looked into the tomb and saw two angels.
- Saw Jesus, thought he was the gardener.
- Called Jesus Rabboni (Aramaic term meaning "teacher").
- 6) John 20:16

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- She attempted to grasp Him (Matthew 28:9-10) and Jesus told her "*stop clinging to me.*"
- "Not yet ascended."
 - As important as His bodily resurrection was, His ascension to heaven to reign at the right hand of God was also cause for rejoicing.

cf. Hebrews 1:3; 8:1; Ephesians 1:20-23; Daniel 7:13-14

- Note:The disciples did not believe her. Mark 16:10-11
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Jesus' First Appearance

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It was upon the first day of the week.

Matthew 28:1, "Now late on the sabbath day, as it began to dawn toward <u>the first (day) of the week</u>, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre."

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