

**Passion Week—The One Whom They Pierced (Friday [3:00–6:00 pm], April 3, 33)**

John 19:31–37

31 The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and *that* they might be taken away.  
 32 Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him.  
 33 But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs:  
 34 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.  
 35 And he that saw *it* bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe.  
 36 For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. [[Ps 34:20](#)]  
 37 And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced. [[Zech 12:10](#)]

**Passion Week—Joseph of Arimathea Buries Jesus' Body (Friday evening [14 Nisan], April 3, 33)**

Matthew 27:57–61

Mark 15:42–47

Luke 23:50–56a

John 19:38–42

57 When the even was come,

42 And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath,

50 And,

38 And after this

there came a rich man of Arimathea, named Joseph,

43 Joseph of Arimathea, an honorable counsellor,

behold, *there was* a man named Joseph, a counsellor; *and he was* a good man, and a just:

Joseph of Arimathea,

who also himself

which also waited for the kingdom of God,

51 (The same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them;) *he was* of Arimathea, a city of the Jews: who also himself waited for the kingdom of God.

being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus:

58 He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus.

came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus.

52 This *man* went unto Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus.

Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered.

44 And Pilate marveled if he were already dead: and calling *unto him* the centurion, he asked him whether he had been any while dead.  
 45 And when he knew *it* of the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph.

53a And he took it down,

and Pilate gave *him* leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus. 39 And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound *weight*. 40 Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner

he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

and wrapped him in the linen,

and wrapped it in linen,

<p>60 And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock:</p> <p>and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulcher, and departed.</p> <p>61 And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulcher.</p>	<p>and laid him in a sepulcher which was hewn out of a rock,</p> <p>and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulcher.</p> <p>47 And Mary Magdalene and Mary <i>the mother</i> of Joses</p> <p>beheld where he was laid.</p>	<p>54 And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on.</p> <p>53b and laid it in a sepulcher that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid.</p> <p>55 And the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after,</p> <p>and beheld the sepulcher, and how his body was laid.</p> <p>56a And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments;</p>	<p>of the Jews is to bury.</p> <p>41 Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulcher, wherein was never man yet laid.</p> <p>42 There laid they Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation <i>day</i>;</p> <p>for the sepulcher was nigh at hand.</p>
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<b>Passion Week—The Jews Secure the Tomb (Friday evening [15 Nisan], April 3, 33)</b>			
Matthew 27:62–66			
<p>62 Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate,</p> <p>63 Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again.</p> <p>64 Command therefore that the sepulcher be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first.</p> <p>65 Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make <i>it</i> as sure as ye can.</p> <p>66 So they went, and made the sepulcher sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.</p>			

<b>Passion Week—Rest on the Sabbath (Saturday, April 4, 33)</b>			
Luke 23:56b			
<p>56b and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment.</p>			

<b>The Physical, Bodily Resurrection of Jesus (Sunday morning [16 Nisan], April 5, 33)</b>			
Matthew 28:1–15	Mark 16:1–11	Luke 24:1–12	John 20:1–18
<p><b>Journey to the Tomb</b></p> <p>1 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first <i>day</i> of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary</p>	<p>1 And when the sabbath was past,</p> <p>Mary Magdalene, and Mary the <i>mother</i> of James,</p>	<p>1 Now upon the first <i>day</i> of the week, very early in the morning,</p>	<p>1a The first <i>day</i> of the week cometh Mary Magdalene</p>

to see the sepulcher.	and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. 2 And very early in the morning the first <i>day</i> of the week, they came unto the sepulcher at the rising of the sun.	they came unto the sepulcher, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain <i>others</i> with them.	early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulcher,
<b>Angels Roll Away the Stone</b> 2 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. 3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: 4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead <i>men</i> .			
<b>Discovery of the Empty Tomb</b>	3 And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulcher? 4 And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away:  for it was very great. 5a And entering into the sepulcher,	2 And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher.  3 And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.	1b and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulcher.
<b>Mary Runs to the Disciples</b>			2 Then she runneth, 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 sepulcher, and we know not where they have laid him.
<b>Appearance of the Angels</b>	5b they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted.	4 And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: 5 And as they were afraid,	

<p>5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.</p> <p>6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.</p> <p>7 And go quickly, and tell his disciples 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.</p>	<p>6 And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified:</p> <p>he is risen; he is not here:</p> <p>behold the place where they laid him.</p> <p>7 But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that</p> <p>he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.</p>	<p>and bowed down <i>their</i> faces to the earth, they said unto them,</p> <p>Why seek ye the living among the dead? 6 He is not here, but is risen:</p> <p>remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, 7 Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.</p>	
<p><b>Jesus Appears to the Women</b> 8 And they departed quickly from the sepulcher with fear and great joy;</p> <p>and did run to bring his disciples word. 9 And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him. 10 Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.</p>	<p>8 And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulcher; for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any <i>man</i>; for they were afraid.</p>	<p>8 And they remembered his words,</p>	
<p><b>The Guard's Report</b> 11 Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done. 12 And when they were</p>			

<p>assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers, 13 Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him <i>away</i> while we slept.</p> <p>14 And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you.</p> <p>15 So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.</p>			
<p><b>The Disciples' Unbelief</b></p>		<p>9 And returned from the sepulcher, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest.</p> <p>10 It was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary <i>the mother</i> of James, and other <i>women that were</i> with them, which told these things unto the apostles.</p> <p>11 And their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not.</p>	
<p><b>Peter and John Return With Mary Magdalene to the Tomb</b></p>		<p>12 Then arose Peter, and ran unto the sepulcher;</p> <p>and stooping down, he beheld the linen clothes laid by themselves,</p>	<p>3 Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulcher.</p> <p>4 So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulcher.</p> <p>5 And he stooping down, and <i>looking in</i>, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in.</p> <p>6 Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulcher, and seeth the linen clothes lie,</p> <p>7 And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself.</p> <p>8 Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulcher, and he saw, and believed.</p> <p>9 For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead.</p>

		and departed,  wondering in himself at that which was come to pass.	10 Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.
<b>Jesus and Mary Magdalene</b>	9 Now when <i>Jesus</i> was risen early the first <i>day</i> of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.		11 But Mary stood without at the sepulcher weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, <i>and looked</i> into the sepulcher, 12 And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of <i>Jesus</i> had lain. 13 And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him. 14 And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw <i>Jesus</i> standing, and knew not that it was <i>Jesus</i> . 15 <i>Jesus</i> 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. 16 <i>Jesus</i> saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master. 17 <i>Jesus</i> saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.
<b>Mary Returns to the Disciples</b>	10 <i>And</i> she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept.  11 And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not.		18 Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and <i>that</i> he had spoken these things unto her.

**Chronological Notes**

- 1) The arrangement and harmonization of the resurrection narratives is a complex and difficult task. In my own study, I found Edward Robinson's, "The Resurrection and Ascension of Our Lord," *Bibliotheca Sacra* 2 No. 5 (1845): 162–189 to be very helpful, and I have followed his suggestions in my own harmony.