

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

John 19:31–37

31 Then the Jews, because it was the day of preparation, so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was an important day), asked Pilate that their legs could be broken and they could be taken away.  
 32 So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him.  
 33 But *when they* came to Jesus, after they saw he was already dead, they did not break his legs.  
 34 But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and blood and water came out immediately.  
 35 And the one who has seen *it* has testified, and his testimony is true, and that person knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe.  
 36 For these *things* happened in order that the scripture would be fulfilled: “Not a bone of his will be broken.” [[Ps 34:20](#)]  
 37 And again another scripture says, “They will look on *the one* whom they have 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
<p>57 Now <i>when it was</i> evening,</p> <p>a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph came,</p> <p>who also was a disciple of Jesus himself.</p> <p>58 This man approached Pilate <i>and</i> asked for the body of Jesus.</p> <p>Then Pilate</p> <p>ordered <i>it</i> to be given <i>to him</i>.</p> <p>59 And Joseph took the body</p> <p><i>and</i> wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,</p>	<p>42 And <i>when it was</i> already evening, since it was the day of preparation (that is, the day before the Sabbath),</p> <p>43 Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the council</p> <p>who was also himself looking forward to the kingdom of God, came acting courageously <i>and</i> went in to Pilate <i>and</i> asked for the body of Jesus.</p> <p>44 And Pilate was surprised that he was already dead, and summoning the centurion, asked him whether he had died already.</p> <p>45 And <i>when he</i> learned of <i>it</i> from the centurion, he granted the corpse to Joseph.</p> <p>46 And <i>after</i> purchasing a linen cloth <i>and</i> taking him down,</p> <p>he wrapped <i>him</i> in the linen cloth</p>	<p>50 And behold,</p> <p>a man named Joseph, who was a member of the council, a good and righteous man 51 (this man was not consenting to their plan and deed), from Arimathea, a Judean town, who was looking forward to the kingdom of God.</p> <p>52 This man approached Pilate <i>and</i> asked for the body of Jesus.</p> <p>53a And he took <i>it</i> down</p> <p><i>and</i> wrapped it in a linen cloth</p>	<p>38 And after these <i>things</i>,</p> <p>Joseph <i>who was</i> from Arimathea,</p> <p>who was a disciple of Jesus (but a secret one for fear of the Jews), asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus.</p> <p>And Pilate</p> <p>allowed <i>it</i>, so he came <i>and</i> took away his body.</p> <p>39 And Nicodemus—the one who had come to him formerly at night—also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes <i>weighing</i> about a hundred pounds.</p> <p>40 So they took the body of Jesus <i>and</i> wrapped it in <i>strips of</i> linen cloth with the fragrant spices, as is the Jews’ custom to prepare for burial.</p> <p>41 Now <i>there</i> was a garden at the place where he was crucified, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one was yet buried.</p>

<p>60 and placed it in his <i>own</i> new tomb that he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a large stone to the entrance of the tomb <i>and</i> went away. 61 Now Mary Magdalene and the other Mary</p> <p>were there, sitting opposite the tomb.</p>	<p>and placed him in a tomb that had been cut from the rock. And he rolled a stone over the entrance of the tomb.</p> <p>47 Now Mary Magdalene and Mary the <i>mother</i> of Josés</p> <p>saw where he was placed.</p>	<p>54 And it was the day of preparation, and the Sabbath was drawing near.</p> <p>53b and placed him in a tomb cut into the rock where no one had ever been placed.</p> <p>55 And the women who had been accompanying him from Galilee followed <i>and</i> saw the tomb and how his body was placed. 56a And they returned <i>and</i> prepared fragrant spices and perfumes,</p>	<p>42 So there, on account of the day of preparation of the Jews,</p> <p>because the tomb was close by, they buried Jesus.</p>
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### Passion Week—The Jews Secure the Tomb (Friday evening [15 Nisan], April 3, 33)

Matthew 27:62–66

62 Now *on* the next day, which is after the day of preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees assembled before Pilate,  
63 saying, “Sir, we remember that *while* that deceiver was still alive he said, ‘After three days I will rise.’  
64 Therefore give orders that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples come *and* steal him and tell the people, ‘He has been raised from the dead,’ and the last deception will be worse than the first.”  
65 Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make *it* as secure as you know how.”  
66 So they went with the guard of soldiers *and* made the tomb secure *by* sealing the stone.

### Passion Week—Rest on the Sabbath (Saturday, April 4, 33)

Luke 23:56b

56b and on the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

### The Physical, Bodily Resurrection of Jesus (Sunday morning [16 Nisan], April 5, 33)

Matthew 28:1–15

Mark 16:1–11

Luke 24:1–12

John 20:1–18

#### Journey to the Tomb

1 Now after the Sabbath, at the dawning on the first *day* of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary

came to view the tomb.

1 And *when* the Sabbath was over,  
  
Mary Magdalene, and Mary the *mother* of James, and Salome purchased fragrant spices so that they could go *and* anoint him.  
2 And very early in the morning on the first *day* of the week they came to the tomb *after* the sun had risen.

1 Now on the first *day* of the week, at very early dawn,  
  
they came back to the tomb bringing the fragrant spices which they had prepared.

1 Now on the first *day* of the week,  
  
Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, *while it* was still dark,

#### Angels Roll Away the Stone

2 And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from

<p>heaven and came up <i>and</i> rolled away the stone and sat down on it.</p> <p>3 Now his appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow.</p> <p>4 And the guards trembled from the fear of him and became like dead men.</p>			
<p><b>Discovery of the Empty Tomb</b></p>	<p>3 And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?”</p> <p>4 And <i>when they</i> looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away</p> <p>(for it was very large).</p> <p>5 And <i>as they</i> were going into the tomb,</p>	<p>2 And they found the stone had been rolled away from the tomb,</p> <p>3 but <i>when they</i> went in, they did not find the body.</p>	<p>and saw the stone had been taken away from the tomb.</p>
<p><b>Mary Runs to the Disciples</b></p>			<p>2 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 from the tomb and we do not know where they have put him!”</p>
<p><b>Appearance of the Angels</b></p> <p>5 But the angel answered <i>and</i> said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified.</p> <p>6 He is not here, for he has been raised, just as he said. Come, see the place where he was lying.</p>	<p>they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.</p> <p>6 But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene who was crucified.</p> <p>He has been raised, he is not here!</p> <p>See the place where they laid him!</p>	<p>4 And it happened that while they were perplexed about this, behold, two men in gleaming clothing stood near them.</p> <p>5 And <i>as</i> they were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, they said to them,</p> <p>“Why are you looking for the living among the dead?</p> <p>6 He is not here, but has been raised!</p> <p>Remember how he spoke to you <i>while he</i> was still in Galilee,</p> <p>7 saying that the Son of Man</p>	

<p>7 And go quickly, tell his disciples,</p> <p>‘He has been raised from the dead, and behold, he is going ahead of you into Galilee. You will see him there.’ Behold, I have told you.”</p>	<p>7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter</p> <p>that he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you.”</p>	<p>must be delivered into the hands of men <i>who are</i> sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise?”</p>	
<p><b>Jesus Appears to the Women</b></p> <p>8 And they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy,</p> <p><i>and</i> ran to tell his disciples.</p> <p>9 And behold, Jesus met them, saying, “Greetings!” And they came up <i>and</i> took hold of his feet and worshiped him.</p> <p>10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid! Go tell my brothers that they should go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”</p>	<p>8 And they went out <i>and</i> fled from the tomb, because trembling and amazement had seized them. And they said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.</p>	<p>8 And they remembered his words,</p>	
<p><b>The Guard’s Report</b></p> <p>11 And <i>while</i> they were going, behold, some of the guard of soldiers went into the city <i>and</i> reported to the chief priests everything that had happened.</p> <p>12 And <i>after they</i> had assembled with the elders and had taken counsel, they gave a rather large sum of money to the soldiers,</p> <p>13 telling <i>them</i>, “Say ‘His disciples came during the night <i>and</i> stole him <i>while</i> we were sleeping.’”</p> <p>14 And if this <i>matter</i> is heard before the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.”</p> <p>15 So they took the money <i>and</i> did as they were told, and spread abroad this report among the Jews until this very day.</p>			

<b>The Disciples' Unbelief</b>		<p>9 and <i>when they</i> returned from the tomb, they reported all these <i>things</i> to the eleven and to all the rest.</p> <p>10 Now Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the <i>mother</i> of James and the others with them were telling these <i>things</i> to the apostles.</p> <p>11 And these words appeared to them as nonsense, and they refused to believe them.</p>	
<b>Peter and John Return With Mary Magdalene to the Tomb</b>		<p>12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb,</p> <p>and bending over to look, he saw only the <i>strips of</i> linen cloth,</p> <p>and he went away to his home wondering what had happened.</p>	<p>3 Then Peter and the other disciple [<i>John</i>] went out and were going to the tomb.</p> <p>4 And the two were running together, and the other disciple ran ahead, faster than Peter, and came to the tomb first.</p> <p>5 And bending over to look, he saw the <i>strips of</i> linen cloth lying there, though he did not go in.</p> <p>6 Then Simon Peter also came following him, and he went into the tomb and saw the <i>strips of</i> linen cloth lying there,</p> <p>7 and the facecloth that was on his head—not lying with the <i>strips of</i> linen cloth, but folded up separately in one place.</p> <p>8 So then the other disciple who had come to the tomb first also went in, and he saw and believed.</p> <p>9 (For they did not yet know the scripture that it was necessary for him to rise from the dead.)</p> <p>10 Then the disciples went away again to their <i>own homes</i>.</p>
<b>Jesus and Mary Magdalene</b>			<p>11 But Mary stood outside at the tomb, weeping. Then, while she was weeping, she bent over to look into the tomb,</p> <p>12 and she saw two angels in white, seated one at the head</p>

	<p>9 [[Now early on the first <i>day</i> of the week, <i>after he</i> rose, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had expelled seven demons.</p>		<p>and one at the feet where the body of Jesus had been lying.  13 And they said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have put him!”  14 <i>When she</i> had said these <i>things</i>, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and she did not know that it was Jesus.  15 Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?” She thought that it was the gardener, <i>and</i> said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will take him.”  16 Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned around <i>and</i> said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni” (which means “Teacher”).  17 Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, and my God and your God.’”</p>
<p><b>Mary Returns to the Disciples</b></p>	<p>10 She went out <i>and</i> announced <i>it</i> to those who were with him <i>while they</i> were mourning and weeping.</p> <p>11 And those, <i>when they</i> heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, refused to believe <i>it.</i>]]</p>		<p>18 Mary Magdalene came <i>and</i> announced to the disciples,</p> <p>“I have seen the Lord,” and he had said these <i>things</i> to her.</p>

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### 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.