

### 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 a high day), asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and *that* they might be taken away.  
 32 So the soldiers came, and broke the legs of the first man and of the other who was crucified with Him;  
 33 but coming to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.  
 34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.  
 35 And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe.  
 36 For these things came to pass to fulfill the Scripture, “NOT A BONE OF HIM SHALL BE BROKEN.” [[Ps 34:20](#); [Num 9:12](#)]  
 37 And again another Scripture says, “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
<p>57 When it was evening,</p> <p>there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph,</p> <p>who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus.</p> <p>58 This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.</p> <p>Then Pilate ordered it to be given <i>to him</i>.</p> <p>59 And Joseph took the body</p> <p>and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,</p>	<p>42 When evening had already come, because it was the preparation day, that is, the day before the Sabbath,</p> <p>43 Joseph of Arimathea came, a prominent member of the Council,</p> <p>who himself was waiting for the kingdom of God; and he gathered up courage and went in before Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus.</p> <p>44 Pilate wondered if He was dead by this time, and summoning the centurion, he questioned him as to whether He was already dead.</p> <p>45 And ascertaining this from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph.</p> <p>46 Joseph bought a linen cloth, took Him down,</p> <p>wrapped Him in the linen cloth</p>	<p>50 And</p> <p>a man named Joseph, who was a member of the Council, a good and righteous man</p> <p>51 (he had not consented to their plan and action), <i>a man</i> from Arimathea, a city of the Jews,</p> <p>who was waiting for the kingdom of God;</p> <p>52 this man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.</p> <p>53a And he took it down</p> <p>and wrapped it in a linen cloth,</p>	<p>38 After these things</p> <p>Joseph of Arimathea,</p> <p>being a disciple of Jesus, but a secret <i>one</i> for fear of the Jews,</p> <p>asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus;</p> <p>and Pilate granted permission.</p> <p>So he came and took away His body.</p> <p>39 Nicodemus, who had first come to Him by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds <i>weight</i>.</p> <p>40 So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen wrappings with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.</p> <p>41 Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid.</p>

<p>60 and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock;</p> <p>and he rolled a large stone against the entrance of the tomb and went away.</p> <p>61 And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the grave.</p>	<p>and laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out in the rock;</p> <p>and he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb.</p> <p>47 Mary Magdalene and Mary the <i>mother</i> of Joses were looking on <i>to see</i> where He was laid.</p>	<p>54 It was the preparation day, and the Sabbath was about to begin.</p> <p>53b and laid Him in a tomb cut into the rock, where no one had ever lain.</p> <p>55 Now the women who had come with Him out of Galilee followed, and saw the tomb and how His body was laid.</p> <p>56a Then they returned and prepared spices and perfumes.</p>	<p>42 Therefore because of the Jewish day of preparation, since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Passion Week—The Jews Secure the Tomb (Friday evening [15 Nisan], April 3, 33)</b></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Matthew 27:62–66</p>	
<p>62 Now on the next day, the day after the preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered together with Pilate, 63 and said, “Sir, we remember that when He was still alive that deceiver said, ‘After three days I <i>am to</i> rise again.’ 64 “Therefore, give orders for the grave to be made secure until the third day, otherwise His disciples may come and steal Him away and say to the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last deception will be worse than the first.” 65 Pilate said to them, “You have a guard; go, make it <i>as</i> secure as you know how.” 66 And they went and made the grave secure, and along with the guard they set a seal on the stone.</p>	

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Passion Week—Rest on the Sabbath (Saturday, April 4, 33)</b></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Luke 23:56b</p>	
<p>56b And on the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.</p>	

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Physical, Bodily Resurrection of Jesus (Sunday morning [16 Nisan], April 5, 33)</b></p>			
<p style="text-align: center;">Matthew 28:1–15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mark 16:1–11</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Luke 24:1–12</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">John 20:1–18</p>
<p><b>Journey to the Tomb</b></p> <p>1 Now after the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first <i>day</i> of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the grave.</p>	<p>1 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the <i>mother</i> of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might come and anoint Him.</p> <p>2 Very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen.</p>	<p>1 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared.</p>	<p>1 Now on the first <i>day</i> of the week Mary Magdalene came early to the tomb, while it was still dark,</p>
<p><b>Angels Roll Away the Stone</b></p> <p>2 And behold, a severe</p>			

<p>earthquake had occurred, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it.</p> <p>3 And his appearance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow.</p> <p>4 The guards shook for fear of him and became like dead men.</p>			
<p><b>Discovery of the Empty Tomb</b></p>	<p>3 They were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?”</p> <p>4 Looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away, although it was extremely large.</p> <p>5 Entering the tomb,</p>	<p>2 And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb,</p> <p>3 but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.</p>	<p>and saw the stone <i>already</i> 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 out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him.”</p>
<p><b>Appearance of the Angels</b></p> <p>5 The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified.</p> <p>6 “He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying.</p>	<p>they saw a young man sitting at the right, wearing a white robe; and they were amazed.</p> <p>6 And he said to them, “Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified.</p> <p>He has risen; He is not here;</p> <p>behold, <i>here is</i> the place where they laid Him.</p>	<p>4 While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men suddenly stood near them in dazzling clothing;</p> <p>5 and as <i>the women</i> were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, <i>the men</i> said to them,</p> <p>“Why do you seek the living One among the dead?”</p> <p>6 “He is not here, but He has risen.</p> <p>Remember how He spoke to</p>	

<p>7 “Go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead; and behold, He is going ahead of you into Galilee, there you will see Him; behold, I have told you.”</p>	<p>7 “But go, tell His disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He told you.’”</p>	<p>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.”</p>	
<p><b>Jesus Appears to the Women</b> 8 And they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to report it to His disciples. 9 And behold, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him. 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.”</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>8 And they remembered His words,</p>	
<p><b>The Guard’s Report</b> 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 money to the soldiers, 13 and said, “You are to say, ‘His disciples came by night and stole Him away while we were asleep.’ 14 “And if this should come to the governor’s ears, we will win him over and keep you out of trouble.” 15 And they took the money and did as they had been</p>			

instructed; and this story was widely spread among the Jews, <i>and is to this day.</i>			
<b>The Disciples' Unbelief</b>		<p>9 and returned from the tomb and reported all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.</p> <p>10 Now they were Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the <i>mother</i> of James; also the other women with them were telling these things to the apostles.</p> <p>11 But these words appeared to them as nonsense, and they would not 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>stooping and looking in, he saw the linen wrappings only;</p> <p>and he went away to his home, marveling at what had happened.</p>	<p>3 So Peter and the other disciple [<i>John</i>] went forth, and they were going to the tomb.</p> <p>4 The two were running together; and the other disciple ran ahead faster than Peter and came to the tomb first;</p> <p>5 and stooping and looking in, he saw the linen wrappings lying <i>there</i>; but he did not go in.</p> <p>6 And so Simon Peter also came, following him, and entered the tomb; and he saw the linen wrappings lying <i>there</i>,</p> <p>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.</p> <p>8 So the other disciple who had first come to the tomb then also entered, and he saw and believed.</p> <p>9 For as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead.</p> <p>10 So the disciples went away again to their own homes.</p>
<b>Jesus and Mary Magdalene</b>			11 But Mary was standing

	<p>9 [Now after He had risen early on the first day of the week, He first appeared to Mary Magdalene, from whom He had cast out seven demons.</p>		<p>outside the tomb weeping; and so, as she wept, she stooped and looked into the tomb;  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.  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."  14 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing <i>there</i>, 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, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away."  16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means, Teacher).  17 Jesus said to her, "Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I ascend 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 and reported to those who had been with Him, while they were mourning and weeping.</p> <p>11 When they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they refused to believe it.]</p>		<p>18 Mary Magdalene came, announcing to the disciples,</p> <p>"I have seen the Lord," and <i>that</i> He had said these things 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.