

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

John 19:31–37

31 Then, because it was the day of preparation, so that the bodies should not stay on the crosses on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was an especially important one), the Jewish leaders asked Pilate to have the victims' legs broken and the bodies taken down.
 32 So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the two men who had been crucified with Jesus, first the one and then the other.
 33 But when they came to Jesus and 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 blood and water flowed out immediately.
 35 And the person who saw it 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 happened so 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 when it was evening,</p> <p>there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph,</p> <p>who was also a disciple of Jesus.</p> <p>58 He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.</p> <p>Then Pilate</p> <p>ordered that it be given to him.</p> <p>59 Joseph took the body,</p> <p>wrapped it</p> <p>in a clean linen cloth,</p>	<p>42 Now when evening had already come, since it was the day of preparation (that is, the day before the Sabbath),</p> <p>43 Joseph of Arimathea, a highly regarded member of the council,</p> <p>who was himself looking forward to the kingdom of God,</p> <p>went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.</p> <p>44 Pilate was surprised that he was already dead. He called the centurion and asked him if he had been dead for some time.</p> <p>45 When Pilate was informed by the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph.</p> <p>46 After Joseph bought a linen cloth and took down the body,</p> <p>he wrapped it</p> <p>in the linen</p>	<p>50 Now</p> <p>there was a man named Joseph who was a member of the council, a good and righteous man. 51 (He had not consented to their plan and action.) He was from the Judean town of Arimathea, and was looking forward to the kingdom of God.</p> <p>52 He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.</p> <p>53a Then he took it down,</p> <p>wrapped it</p> <p>in a linen cloth,</p>	<p>38 After this,</p> <p>Joseph of Arimathea,</p> <p>a disciple of Jesus (but secretly, because he feared the Jewish leaders), asked Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus.</p> <p>Pilate</p> <p>gave him permission,</p> <p>so he went and took the body away.</p> <p>39 Nicodemus, the man who had previously come to Jesus at night, accompanied Joseph, carrying a mixture of myrrh and aloes weighing about seventy-five pounds.</p> <p>40 Then they took Jesus' body and wrapped it, with the aromatic spices, in strips of linen cloth according to Jewish burial customs.</p> <p>41 Now at the place where Jesus was crucified there was a</p>

<p>60 and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut in the rock.</p> <p>Then he rolled a great stone across the entrance of the tomb and went away.</p> <p>61 (Now Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there, opposite the tomb.)</p>	<p>and placed it in a tomb cut out of the rock.</p> <p>Then he rolled a stone across the entrance of the tomb.</p> <p>47 Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where the body was placed.</p>	<p>54 It was the day of preparation and the Sabbath was beginning.</p> <p>53b and placed it in a tomb cut out of the rock, where no one had yet been buried.</p> <p>55 The women who had accompanied Jesus from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it.</p> <p>56a Then they returned and prepared aromatic spices and perfumes.</p>	<p>garden, and in the garden was a new tomb where no one had yet been buried.</p> <p>42 And so, because it was the Jewish day of preparation and the tomb was nearby, they placed Jesus' body there.</p>
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Passion Week—The Jews Secure the Tomb (Friday evening [15 Nisan], April 3, 33)

Matthew 27:62–66

62 The next day (which is after the day of preparation) the chief priests and the Pharisees assembled before Pilate

63 and said, "Sir, we remember that while that deceiver was still alive he said, 'After three days I will rise again.'

64 So give orders to secure the tomb until the third day. Otherwise his disciples may come and steal his body and say to the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception will be worse than the first."

65 Pilate said to them, "Take a guard of soldiers. Go and make it as secure as you can."

66 So they went with the soldiers of the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

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

Luke 23:56b

56b 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 dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary

went to look at the tomb.

1 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought aromatic spices so that they might go and anoint him.

2 And very early on the first day of the week, at sunrise, they went to the tomb.

1 Now on the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women

went to the tomb, taking the aromatic spices they had prepared.

1 Now very early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene

came to the tomb

<p>Angels Roll Away the Stone</p> <p>2 Suddenly there was a severe earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descending from heaven came and rolled away the stone and sat on it.</p> <p>3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow.</p> <p>4 The guards were shaken and became like dead men because they were so afraid of him.</p>			
<p>Discovery of the Empty Tomb</p>	<p>3 They had been asking each other, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?”</p> <p>4 But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled back.</p> <p>5 Then as they went into the tomb, they</p>	<p>2 They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they went in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.</p>	<p>and saw that the stone had been moved away from the entrance.</p>
<p>Mary Runs to the Disciples</p>			<p>2 So she went running to Simon Peter and the other disciple whom Jesus loved and told them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”</p>
<p>Appearance of the Angels</p> <p>5 But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; 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 and see the place where he was lying.</p>	<p>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. Look, there is the place where they laid him.</p>	<p>4 While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men stood beside them in dazzling attire.</p> <p>5 The women were terribly frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them,</p> <p>“Why do you look for the living among the dead? 6 He is not here, but has been raised!</p> <p>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7 that the Son of Man must be</p>	

<p>7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples,</p> <p>‘He has been raised from the dead. He is going ahead of you into Galilee. You will see him there.’ Listen, I have told you!”</p>	<p>7 But go, tell his disciples, even Peter,</p> <p>that he is going ahead of you into Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you.”</p>	<p>delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.”</p>	
<p>Jesus Appears to the Women</p> <p>8 So they</p> <p>left the tomb quickly, with fear and great joy,</p> <p>and ran to tell his disciples.</p> <p>9 But Jesus met them, saying, “Greetings!” They came to him, held on to his feet and worshiped him.</p> <p>10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee. They will see me there.”</p>	<p>8 Then they</p> <p>went out and ran from the tomb, for terror and bewilderment had seized them. And they said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.</p>	<p>8 Then the women remembered his words,</p>	
<p>The Guard’s Report</p> <p>11 While they were going, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests everything that had happened.</p> <p>12 After they had assembled with the elders and formed a plan, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers,</p> <p>13 telling them, “You are to say, ‘His disciples came at night and stole his body while we were asleep.’</p> <p>14 If this matter is heard before the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.”</p> <p>15 So they took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story is told among the Jews to this day.</p>			

The Disciples' Unbelief		<p>9 and when they returned from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.</p> <p>10 Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles.</p> <p>11 But these words seemed like pure nonsense to them, and they did not believe them.</p>	
Peter and John Return With Mary Magdalene to the Tomb		<p>12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb.</p> <p>He bent down and saw only the strips of linen cloth;</p> <p>then he went home, wondering what had happened.</p>	<p>3 Then Peter and the other disciple [<i>John</i>] set out to go to the tomb.</p> <p>4 The two were running together, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and reached the tomb first.</p> <p>5 He bent down and saw the strips of linen cloth lying there, but he did not go in.</p> <p>6 Then Simon Peter, who had been following him, arrived and went right into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen cloth lying there,</p> <p>7 and the face cloth, which had been around Jesus' head, not lying with the strips of linen cloth but rolled up in a place by itself.</p> <p>8 Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, came in, and he saw and believed.</p> <p>9 (For they did not yet understand the scripture that Jesus must rise from the dead.)</p> <p>10 So the disciples went back to their homes.</p>
Jesus and Mary Magdalene			<p>11 But Mary stood outside the tomb weeping. As she wept, she bent down and looked into the tomb.</p> <p>12 And she saw two angels in white sitting where Jesus'</p>

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