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He has Risen

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Luke 24:1-12, 30-35

Introduction: Our Lord Jesus went **gloriously down to death**, in spite of the malice of his enemies, who did all they could to make his death ignominious but he **ROSE AGAIN** more **gloriously**, of which we have an account in this chapter and the proofs and evidences of Christ's resurrection are more fully related by this evangelist than they were by Matthew and Mark. (Source: <https://www.studyight.org/commentaries/mhm/luke-24.html>)

Luke 24:1, Now upon the **first day of the week**, very **early** in the **morning**, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them.

Thought 1. Mark 16:1 says, it was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, that came to anoint his dead body. So, even though they were the first to arrive at his tomb, this tells us that they were NOT there because they believed he had risen. And Matthew 28:1 basically says the same thing.

John 20:1, The first day of the week **cometh** Mary Mag'dalene early, when it was yet DARK, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.

Thought 2. Since this verse says, "it was yet DARK", it is NOT proper to ignore it in studying God's word. The Holy Spirit directed this be written so we'd be aware of it.

NOTE: While it was yet dark ... The Christian student should *NOT* be confused or unsettled by the allegations of critical enemies who are ever seeking (in vain) to find some **"contradiction"** in the sacred Gospels. Mark's mention of the coming of several women, including Mary Magdalene, to the tomb, **"after the sun was risen"** refers to **another visit** to the tomb, Mary Magdalene having made at least two trips to the sepulchre, and probably three, as follows: (1) the first trip, as recorded here, while it was still dark, (2) the second when she followed Peter and John (whom she quickly notified) and who ran on ahead of her to the tomb, and (3) when she came with the other women bringing the spices after the sun was **risen**. John specifically stressed that the tomb was **"nigh"** to the cross (John 19:42); and the sudden onset of the **HIGH sabbath** at sunset prevented any of the witnesses from traveling after the burial. In all probability, none of those mentioned were any further away from the tomb than a few hundred yards. Mary Magdalene's repeated visits would make that deduction a certainty.
(Source: <https://www.studyight.org/commentaries/bcc/john-20.html>)

Thought 3. As we know, the first day of the week is Sunday. This also is true for the **Jewish**

calendar. However, one of the big differences between a regular calendar and the Jewish is that the **Jewish day BEGINS** in the **evening**, at **6 p.m.**, or **sunset**. Later, this info will prove valuable.

Now, a big question is, "On what day did Jesus actually rise from the dead?" Verse 3 just tells us it was discovered he wasn't in the tomb! To find the day he rose, we'll have to figure out the day of his death. And to that, a lot of folk are saying, "He died on a Friday!" Well, that seems logical until we find the key scriptures that give the clues needed to KNOW we have the correct answer. First, we'll look at the Sabbath days that God instituted for Israel.

Leviticus 23:1-8, And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, Concerning the **feasts** of the Lord, which ye shall proclaim to be **holy convocations**, even these are my feasts.

Six days shall work be done: but the **seventh** day is the **sabbath of rest**, an holy convocation; ye shall do **no work** therein... *(This is the regular Sabbath)*

These are the feasts of the Lord, even holy **convocations**, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons. In the **fourteenth** day of the first month at **even** (*evening*) is the Lord's **passover**. ...the **fifteenth** day of the same month is the **feast of unleavened bread** unto the Lord: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread. In the first day ye shall have an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein. But ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord seven days: in the seventh day is an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.

Thought 4. As you can see, the key is the word Passover! It was during this set of FEASTS that the Lord was CRUCIFIED.

Luke 22:7-8, Then came the day of **unleavened bread**, when the **passover** must be killed. And he (**Jesus**) sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the **passover**, that we may eat.

John 19:31, 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**,) ..(*meaning this was NOT a regular sabbath*)

NOTE: This verse, beyond all others in the New Testament, casts DOUBT on the widely accepted view that Christ was **crucified** on **Friday**. True, he was crucified on the day of Preparation, the day before the sabbath; but John was careful to point out that the **ordinary sabbath** was **NOT** meant, but rather the **HIGH DAY** (also a sabbath, whatever day of the week it was) which always initiated the Passover celebration.

(Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/bcc/john-19.html>)

Thought 5. Our next clue is found in what Jesus SAID about how long his body would actually be IN the grave. For this, we'll go to Matthew 12:40.

Matthew 12:40, For as Jonah was three (3) days and three (3) nights in the WHALE'S belly; so shall the **Son of man** be **three (3) days** and **three (3) nights** in the heart of the **earth**.

Thought 6. So, if we believe he died on a Friday, was buried before sunset: 6 p.m.: the beginning of the Sabbath (Saturday), then, he was in the ground Saturday night (*think Jewish Calendar*), Saturday during the DAY, and Sunday night, (*think Jewish Calendar*) and found to be already risen from the grave on Sunday morning, then, dying on a Friday would only be two (2) nights and one (1) day!

We can figure it out if we count in **reverse**, knowing the Jewish day begins in the evening (**night**). We'll begin with the **DAYS** and go backward three. **Saturday, Friday and Thursday**

are **three** full days. The **NIGHTS** in the grave were, **Saturday** (*Our FRIDAY night; so, think Jewish Calendar*) **Friday**, and **Thursday night**, which began Wednesday at **sunset: 6 p.m.**

So, he was crucified on a **Wednesday**; during the **DAY**; off the cross and in the grave before sunset because that evening (**night, Thursday**) was the beginning of a **high** day. So, he ROSE **right AFTER sunset** on **Saturday** which ended the **3 days** and **3 nights**.

Luke 24:2, And they **found** the **stone** **ROLLED AWAY** from the sepulchre.

Thought 1. Mark 16:3 says they talked among themselves about who would roll away the stone from the door of the sepulchre. And verse 4 says when they looked, they saw that the large stone was rolled away. Matthew 28:2-4 speaks of an earthquake taking place and an angel rolling back the stone and sitting upon it. And the guards shook from fear...

Now, the question is WHEN did the angel roll away the stone? Since the accounts in Mark 16:4, Luke 24:2, and John 20:1 all say that they "saw", "found", and "seeth" the stone rolled away, then we can believe that the angel rolled it away BEFORE they arrived at the sepulchre. When the women got there, the guards were gone and the stone was rolled away.

Luke 24:3-7, And they **entered in**, and found **NOT** the body of the Lord Jesus. And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, **TWO MEN** stood by them in **shining** garments: And as they were **afraid**, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, *Why seek ye the living among the dead?* **HE is NOT here, but is RISEN:** **remember** how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, *Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day RISE AGAIN.*

Thought 1. When we look at two other accounts, we learn more about the women and what's said about the angels. Matthew 28:5-8 tells us of only one angel speaking to the women. Mark 16:5-8 says they saw a young man sitting on the right side in long white clothes. This young man and the women were inside the tomb.

Now, let's harmonize all three accounts to see what happened in regard to these angels. In Matthew 28:5, when the angel first rolled away the stone he sat on it outside. But, when he began to speak with the women he is really INSIDE the tomb with the second angel, spoken of in Luke 24:4. Luke 24:5-7 also lets us know that BOTH angels spoke to the women during this time.

So, when the women first entered the tomb, they saw ONE angel sitting, who began to speak to them. While he's talking, he stands up, and "behold, TWO" angels are now SEEN, standing by the women!

And one final thought is angels are MALE in gender. There are NO female angels. The only spirits of the female gender are WOMEN. In this, women are unique!

Thought 2. Jesus was the first human, to be BORN AGAIN from being spiritually dead.

Colossians 1:18, And he is the **head** of the body, the church: who is the **beginning**, the **firstborn** from the **DEAD**; that in all things **he** might have the **preeminence (to be first in rank [order])**.

Revelation 1:5, And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the **first begotten (first-born)** of the **DEAD**, and the prince of the kings of the earth.

Matthew 27:51-53, And... The veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top... and the earth did quake... And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the **SAINTS** which slept **arose**. And came out of the **graves** **AFTER** his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and **appeared** unto many (*after he rose from the dead*).

Luke 24:8-9, And they **remembered** his **words**, And returned from the sepulchre, and told **all** these things unto the **eleven**, and to all the rest.

Thought 1. So, along with the Holy Spirit, at times, God uses angels to remind us. Also, since the women didn't believe the angels, Jesus had to appear to them to convince them he was alive. The women had great joy because they wanted to believe the angels. But, they were also in fear! There was doubt, which is why Peter became afraid while walking on the water: Matt.14:30-31. After seeing him, they went to tell his disciples HE'D RISEN.

Matthew 28:8, And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with **fear** and great joy...

Mark 16:8, And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled and were amazed: neither **said** they **any thing** to **any man**; for they were **afraid**.

John 20:2, Then she (*Mary Magdalene*) 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 **sepulchre**, and **we know not where** they have laid him.

Thought 2. With her own mouth, she is saying she did not believe the angels.

Matthew 28:9-10, 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. Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there **shall THEY see me**.

Thought 3. Notice, he allows them to touch him, whereas he would NOT allow Mary to TOUCH HIM. But, after speaking with her, he ascended and MADE an OFFERING of his blood in the true tabernacle, in heaven. (See Hebrews 8:2 & 9:11-12) So now, it's okay to touch him. He then gives them a message for his disciples.

John 20:11-14, But **Mary** stood at the sepulchre weeping... she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre, and seeth two angels... one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. And they say... Woman, why weepeth thou? She saith... Because they have **taken away my Lord**, and I know not where **they have laid him**. And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and **saw** Jesus standing, and **KNEW not** that it was Jesus.

Thought 4. She believed he was dead! So, she didn't/ COULDN'T recognize him! What we BELIEVE affects how well we SEE: physically or spiritually.

John 20:15-16, Jesus saith... Woman, why weepeth thou? Whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the **gardener**, saith... If thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou has laid him... **Jesus** saith... **Mary**. She turned... saith unto him, Rabboni...

Thought 5. Calling her name as friend, and Teacher snapped her out of UNBELIEF!

John 20:17, Jesus saith... **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**.

Thought 5. This shows clearly Jesus and his Father are TWO separate persons!

John 20:18, Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

Thought 6. Since she has seen Jesus, unlike the other women who were told by the angel to go tell his disciples the good news, Mary does go to them with the news.

Mark 16:9-11, Now when *Jesus* was risen **early** the first *day* of the week, he appeared **FIRST** to Mary Mag'dalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils. *And she went* and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and

wept. And they, when they had heard that **he was alive**, and had been seen of her, **believed not.**

Luke 24:10-12, It was **Mary Magdalene and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James**, and other women that were with them, which TOLD THESE THINGS unto the **apostles**. And their words **seemed** to them as **idle tales**, and they **believed them NOT**. Then arose **Peter**, and **ran** unto the sepulchre; and stooping down, he **beheld** the linen clothes **laid** by themselves, and departed, **wondering** in **himself** at that which was come to pass.

John 20:6-9, Then cometh Simon Peter... went into the sepulchre and seeth the linen clothes lie... Then went in also that other disciple which came first... and he saw, and **believed**. For as yet they **knew (understand) not** the **scripture**, that he must rise again **from the dead**. (Physical and SPIRITUAL death.)

Thought 1. So, what Peter and the others believed was somebody had taken his body.

Luke 24:30-31, And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. And **their EYES were OPENED**, and they **KNEW HIM**; and he **vanished** out of their sight.

NOTE: Speculations are plentiful with regard to just how "their eyes were opened," some supposing that the familiar pattern of Jesus' breaking bread and offering thanks as he had so frequently done in the presence of all his disciples was what did it; but it is safer to conclude that the Lord **willed** their **recognition of him** at that particular moment, and accordingly it occurred.

(Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/bcc/luke-24.html>)

Luke 24:32, And they said one to another, Did not our heart **burn** within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he **opened to us** the SCRIPTURES?

NOTE: The study and meditation upon the word of God is ever the cause that produces the glowing heart in mortal men; and if ministers of the Lord's gospel would have audiences of burning hearts, the means of achieving such a thing is here. The **exposition** of the Holy Scriptures **exceeds in importance** all other tasks of the ministers of Christ.

(Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/bcc/luke-24.html>)

Luke 24:33-35, And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them, Saying, The **Lord is RISEN** indeed, and **hath appeared to Simon**. And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was **KNOWN** of them in breaking of bread.

NOTE: Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon. ... (Luke 24:33) also included these who were testifying to the **appearance** of the **Lord** to **Simon Peter**. There is **NO New Testament record describing** the appearance of Jesus to Peter; and modesty should restrain human comment about it. Of the fact, there is no question. **Paul declared** that the Lord "APPEARED to Cephas, THEN to the twelve" (1 Cor. 15:5)...

they rehearsed the things that happened in the way... From **Mark 16:14-18**, it would appear that even after all of this evidence had been received, a number of the apostles were still **reluctant to believe**. **Peter, having seen the Lord already**, could NOT have been among that number who were yet unbelieving; but due to his shameful conduct in denying Jesus, it seems that **Peter took NO vigorous part in the discussions** on the **first day following the resurrection**.

(Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/bcc/luke-24.html>)

Luke 24:36, And as they thus spake, **JESUS** himself **STOOD** in the midst of them, and saith unto them, **Peace be unto you**.