

THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

(Matt. 28:1-15; Mark 16:1-14; Luke 24:1-43; John 20:1-23)

I. A Possible Chronology of the Day's Events

A. Before DAWN

1. From BETHANY, several WOMEN left to go to Jesus' TOMB
2. At the TOMB there was an EARTHQUAKE, an ANGEL removed the STONE and sat on it, and the guards were IMMOBILIZED by fear
 - a. They saw the tomb was EMPTY
 - b. They saw the ANGEL
 - c. They REVIVED and ran to REPORT what they had seen

B. After DAYBREAK

1. Mary Magdalene ran to BETHANY and told PETER and JOHN (probably) Jesus' BODY had been MOVED
2. The other women ENTERED the TOMB
 - a. At first, they found it EMPTY and were CONFUSED
 - b. Suddenly, they saw two ANGELS and were TERRIFIED
3. One angel announced that Jesus had RISEN and told the women to tell the disciples to meet Him in GALILEE
4. The women ran to BETHANY to deliver their MESSAGE

C. After LEAVING the TOMB

1. Peter and John ran to the TOMB with Mary FOLLOWING them
2. The GROUP of women returning to BETHANY
 - a. Met JESUS, who REPEATED the message they were to deliver
 - b. They reported to the DISCIPLES who did not BELIEVE THEM
3. Peter and John LEFT to return to BETHANY
4. Mary Magdalene STAYED a while

- a. She looked into the tomb and saw TWO ANGELS
 - b. She encountered JESUS, who gave her a message for the disciples concerning His ASCENSION
 - c. She reported what she had seen, and the disciple DID NOT BELIEVE her
- D. LATER that day
- 1. Cleopas and his companion headed toward EMMAUS, about 4 mi. NW
 - 2. About 4:00pm, JESUS appeared to PETER
 - 3. Jesus JOINED the two on the road to Emmaus, arriving about 6:00pm
 - 4. Cleopas and his companion returned to JERUSALEM
 - 5. Jesus APPEARED and rebuked them for failing to believe in His PHYSICAL RESURRECTION

II. The Incontrovertible Facts

- A. The TOMB was OPEN
 - 1. Despite the SEAL
 - 2. Despite the GUARD
- B. The TOMB was EMPTY
 - 1. Attested to by the ANGELS
 - 2. Witnessed by the GUARDS
 - 3. Admitted by the CHIEF PRIESTS (who PAID the GUARDS a lot of MONEY to LIE)
 - 4. Seen by the WOMEN
 - 5. Examined by PETER and JOHN (probably)
- C. The LORD was RISEN
 - 1. He spoke with MARY MAGDALENE
 - 2. He spoke with the OTHER WOMEN
 - 3. He spoke with PETER
 - 4. He spoke with CLEOPAS and his COMPANION
 - 5. He met with the Eleven (minus THOMAS) and OTHERS in a LOCKED room
 - a. Where He SPOKE with them
 - b. Where He was TOUCHED by them
 - c. Where He ATE with them