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THE BURIAL AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS

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³⁸ *After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body.*

- ❖ From other gospel accounts we know that Joseph of Arimathea was a member of the Sanhedrin (Mark 15:43), a rich man (Matthew 27:57), a man of integrity who didn't support the Sanhedrin's condemnation of Jesus (Luke 23:50-51)
- ❖ Being a secret disciple due to fear puts his faith into question
 - ❖ John 12:42-43
- ❖ Joseph's desire to bury Jesus does indicate a changed heart

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³⁹ Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. ⁴⁰ So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.

- ❖ Nicodemus joins Joseph to anoint and bury the body of Jesus

- ❖ The large quantity of spices is expensive and used to mask the odor of decay

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. ⁴² So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

- ❖ Matthew's gospel reveals this new tomb belongs to the rich man, Joseph (Matthew 27:60)

- ❖ Isaiah 53:9

The discovery of the empty tomb (20:1-9)

¹ Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb.

- ❖ Mary Magdalene is a devoted follower from whom Jesus has cast out 7 demons
- ❖ Before daybreak Sunday morning Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb and sees the stone is removed

² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.”

- ❖ Mary knows the body of Jesus is no longer in the tomb
- ❖ Fearing the body of Jesus has been taken she tells Peter and John
- ❖ “*we do not know where they have laid him*” – “we” indicates that she was not alone

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❖³ *So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴ Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.*

❖ They run to investigate

❖ Many opinions are expressed about the meaning of John outrunning Peter

❖ Consider my studied opinion

❖ John is faster than Peter

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⁵ And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;

- ❖ John arrives at the tomb and looks into the tomb from the doorway
- ❖ Peter arrives and in typical zealous fashion he doesn't stop at the door, but runs in
- ❖ Peter anticipates seeing a completely empty tomb
 - ❖ The linen cloths that wrapped the body of Jesus are there with spices still in them
 - ❖ The face cloth is folded up in a place by itself
 - ❖ Luke 24:12
- ❖ Without seeing Jesus, John believes Jesus is risen

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⁹ for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes.

- ❖ John believes Jesus is risen, but he is not putting together the promises of Scripture yet
 - ❖ Psalm 16:10
- ❖ Fulfillment of the promises of a suffering and resurrected Messiah are important aspects of the witness of the early church (and should be ours as well)
 - ❖ 1 Corinthians 15:3–7
- ❖ Historically the bold preaching and the rapid growth of the early church are the fruit of an empty tomb
- ❖ Trusting the power of God, in truth and transformation when sharing with others, is intimately tied to the power of the resurrection

Jesus reveals Himself to Mary in resurrection form (20:11-18)

¹¹ *But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb.*

❖ Mary returns to the tomb hoping to find the stolen body of Jesus

¹² *And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet.*

❖ Mary sees two angels

¹³ *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 laid him."*

❖ The question of the angels is not for their enlightenment, but to offer unanticipated hope

❖ Their presence is to support the fact that God is active, not grave robbers

¹⁴ *Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus*

❖ Often in the resurrection narratives presented in the gospels, Jesus is not immediately recognized

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¹⁵ *Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?"*

- ❖ Jesus now asks her why she wails

- ❖ He asks her to tell Him who this is about

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."

- ❖ She thinks maybe the gardener has moved the body of Jesus

¹⁶ *Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).*

- ❖ John 10:3

- ❖ John 10:27-28

- ❖ Mary immediately calls out to Jesus in the personal and loyal way to which she is accustomed (Rabboni – Teacher)

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- ❖¹⁷ *Jesus said to her, ‘Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ’*
- ❖ *Mary desires to welcome Jesus back to a relationship she feared she lost*
- ❖ *“Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father”*
- ❖ *Things are radically different now*
- ❖ *He will not be with her as He was before*
- ❖ *“go to my brothers and say to them”* – Jesus has a mission for Mary

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❖ *'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'* – Mary is to communicate His victorious mission to the disciples

❖ Hebrews 7:25

❖ Hebrews 2:10–12

❖ ¹⁸ *Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.*

❖ She shares with them what Jesus told her

❖ John records no response, but Luke tells us their response to these words aren't any different than their response to the news that the body of Jesus was not in the tomb

❖ Luke 24:9–11

Questions to Consider

- ❖ What is your response to the resurrection of Jesus?
- ❖ How are you relying on His transforming gospel power in your life?
- ❖ How are you relying on His transforming gospel power in the lives of others?
- ❖ Acts 1:8 ⁸ *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*
- ❖ 1 Corinthians 15:17–19 ¹⁷ *And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.* ¹⁸ *Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.* ¹⁹ *If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.*
- ❖ Romans 6:4 *We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*



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