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Luke 24.

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Luke 24.

Topics.

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The Previous Chapter: in the previous chapter Jesus was taken before Pilate and Herod after which the chief priests, the religious rulers and the people cried out to Pilate to crucify Jesus and release Barabbas a criminal and murderer. Barabbas was released and Jesus after being mocked, whipped and brutally tortured was crucified.

Sometime before sunset of Passover Day Mary Magdalene, Joanna and Mary the mother of James and Salome the wife of Zebedee and mother of James and John (Mark 16:1) (Luke 24:10-11) followed Joseph to the tomb and saw him lay Jesus body in it so they knew where the tomb was, but the Sabbath High Day was about to begin because it was late afternoon of Passover Day and sunset was approaching.

It was called a high Sabbath firstly because it was the first day of the seven Day Feast of Unleavened Bread which was a Sabbath Day and secondly because it was also the weekly Jewish Saturday Sabbath. The women returned to their homes and prepared spices for Jesus body. They remained in their homes during the Saturday High Sabbath as the law commanded. The High Sabbath finished sometime around sunrise early Sunday morning (the first day of the week) so the woman returned to the tomb to put the spices on Jesus body (Luke 23:50-56).

NOTE: for information concerning people, places and the meaning of words see Map Locations and People of the Bible, and Bible Dictionary on Website Menu.

At early Dawn the Woman go to the Tomb,

Luke 24:1-3 ----- ¹But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they (the women) (v10) went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

Mary Magdalene, Joanna and Mary the mother of James and Salome (the other women) (Luke 24:10) (Mark 16:6) on Sunday the first day of the week, at sunrise early dawn take the spices they had prepared to the tomb.

Ponder for a Moment.

Imagine the enormous hurt and emotional pain you would feel if someone you had truly loved died and you had prepared all the necessary arrangement for the funeral to honour their life, but when the day arrives you are told the body of your departed loved one has gone, this emotional distress is no doubt what these women are feeling in this moment.

Two Men in Dazzling Apparel.

Luke 24:4-8 ----- ⁴While they (the woman) were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸And they remembered his words,

Luke says, two men in dazzling apparel stood beside the women, but later when he is writing of the two men on the Emmaus road re-telling the story of the women to Jesus he writes that the women had seen a vision of angels (v23). Luke on one occasion presents the two men in dazzling apparel appearing to the women as a real event, but when writing of the same event a second time refers to it as angels appearing in a vision.

Vision: (horama) (horao) from Strong's Concordance means, something gazed at (i.e., a spectacle) especially supernatural it carries the idea of staring at something by sight or as a vision. To the Hebrews vision means to see or experience by sight or by a vision, something appearing thus the word vision can relate to a spectacle gazed at by the eyes or a movie played out in the mind.

In most cases God gives the picture or vision then the person speaks or writes it in their own words. Sometimes the same biblical event or experience is spoken of as an actual and real event, while at other times the same event maybe recorded as a vision (an image or mental experience within the mind).

A biblical vision is always under God's control and can appear as a movie played out on the screen of the imagination of the mind (similar to a dream) or it may appear as a hologram appearing in the air that is actually seen by the eyes of the person God chooses to give the vision to.

The vision communicates the LORD'S will or future events to the person who then proceeds to tell the vision to the people, sometimes in their own words and at other times in the exact words the LORD has spoken to them in the vision.

The Son of Man must Crucified and on the Third Day Rise.

Jesus words, "The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise" refer to the following Scriptures in Matthew, Luke and Mark: -

In Matthew: Jesus said, "That the Son of Man must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, chief priests and scribes, and be delivered over to the Gentiles to be mocked, flogged and crucified and just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth, but on the third day be raised." (Matt. 12:40) (Jonah 1:17) (Matt. 16:21) (Matt. 17:22-23) (Matt. 20:19).

In Mark: Jesus said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the scribes and be handed over to the hands of men and they will mock him, spit on him, flog him and kill him and when he is killed, after three days he will rise." (Mark 8:31) (Mark 9:31) (Mark 10:34).

In Luke: Jesus said, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and scribes, and be delivered into the hands of sinful men who after flogging him will kill him, but on the third day he will rise." (Luke 9:22) (Luke 18:33) (Luke 24:7) (Luke 24:46).

Though Jesus had clearly told his disciples and the woman that he would be killed and raised the third day they did not fully understand what he meant so imagine how the women felt when they remembered Jesus words, after the angel/men said Jesus had to be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise."

NOTE: some teach that Jesus was in the tomb for three full days, which means he would have to have been crucified on Thursday, but this theory is based on a misunderstanding of Jesus words: -

- For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth (Matt. 12:40).

The phrase, "Three days and three Nights" is a common Jewish idiom which simply means the third day, added to this Jesus himself says, "He will rise on the third day," meaning the third day from when he was crucified. It is clearly stated that the women went to the tomb early the first day of the week (Sunday) and that the day after Christ's crucifixion was a Jewish Sabbath High Day (Saturday) so he had to be crucified Friday to rise on the third day.

For further information see the title: -

- Three Days and Three Nights.
- In, Various Topics (ON WEBSITE MENU).

The women tell the Apostles that Jesus body was not in the Tomb.

Luke 24:9-12 ----- ⁹and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marvelling at what had happened.

The women no doubt raced with enormous excitement to tell the eleven what the angel/men had told them, but even though Jesus prior to his death had told them all that he would be killed and rise the third day (see notes following v4-8). Only Peter had enough faith to believe what the women had said, so he races to the tomb to see for himself and finds only Christ's linen cloths and goes home wondering what had happened to the body of the man he had loved and denied.

Consider for a Moment.

We often hear stories of a person who is emotionally crushed, because they have tragically lost a loved one in an accident and their last words to them were spoken in anger. They are mentally and spiritually overwhelmed with grief wishing somehow they could take those words back. This is how Peter would be feeling, he loved the Lord, but his last words to him were words of denial.

Jesus appears to two on the Road to Emmaus.

Luke 24:13-24 ----- ¹³That very day (Sunday) two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹And he said to them "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see."

NOTE: the fact these two men even mention the third day shows that they (and no-doubt many others) knew Jesus had said he would rise on the third day and that they had a certain expectation that he would.

On Sunday (the first day of the week) and the third day since Jesus crucifixion Cleopas and Simon were travelling to a village named Emmaus about seven miles from Jerusalem and while they were talking Jesus comes alongside them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. Scripture does not given any detail of the appearance of Jesus resurrected body except that it is immortal, eternal able to ascend between earth and heaven, it has flesh and bones and still had the scars of his crucifixion (v39-43) and we know the apostles not only recognised him, but also touched him and ate with him.

Yet when Jesus appeared to Cleopas and Simon on their way to Emmaus he appeared as a stranger to them since they did not recognise him. Perhaps they may not have previously seen him or known him very well or maybe Jesus never looked at them directly or they had only seen him from amongst a crowd so it would be very unlikely they would recognise him even though they had a certain expectation that he might rise they would certainly not be expecting him to appear alongside of them after his death on a dusty road, but this is only speculation, whatever the reason it appears that it was not Jesus will to reveal himself until the right time, (i.e., when they were having an evening meal and he was able to take the bread and break it).

Jesus Disciples supposed the Kingdom of God would Appear Immediately.

Jesus disciples supposed that the Kingdom of God was to appear immediately (Luke 19:10-11) they thought Jesus was going to be made King of Jerusalem when he arrived in the Holy City (Luke 19:11). When they were near to Jerusalem Jesus told the parable of the nobleman who went into a far country then immediately after telling this parable Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the colt, all those with him shouted and proclaimed him to be the King who comes in the name of the Lord (Luke 19:38).

Now in this story we hear the two on the Road to Emmaus saying they had hoped Jesus was the one to redeem Israel (v21). It appears Jesus as he was approaching Jerusalem knew the people wanted to make him King and expected him to begin to rule Israel, so he told them the parable of the nobleman who went into a far country most likely to comfort his followers when their hope in him being exalted as King of Jerusalem where shattered.

Christ should suffer these things and enter into his Glory.

Luke 24:25-27 ----- ²⁵And he said to them "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

Jesus tells the two that all that has happened is only what has been spoken by the prophets and that he had to suffer to enter into his glory. Then beginning with the prophets he told them all Moses has said concerning himself.

The following few verses show Moses wrote of Jesus: -

Because the Jews held Moses in high esteem they should have recognised Christ when he came, especially since Moses wrote the following amazing verse that states: -

- God would put enmity between the serpent and the woman, and between the serpent's seed and the woman's seed and that the seed of the serpent would bruise the heel of the woman's seed, but the seed of the woman would bruise the head of the serpent's seed. (Gen. 3:15). (The woman's seed in this verse refers to Christ).

For greater detail of this incredible and fantastic prophetic verse see: -

- Genesis 3:15 in, Commentary Old Testament (ON WEBSITE MENU).

Moses also wrote: -

- The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—And I the LORD will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak all that I command him, it is to him you shall listen.” (Deut. 18:15-19). (The prophet like Moses is Christ).

Then in the New Testament Philip said to Nathanael: -

- We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” (John 1:45) and Paul said, “He testifies both to the small and the great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass (Acts 26:22).

The following is also a few verses showing the prophets wrote of Jesus: -

Isaiah prophesied, saying: -

- There will come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge with equity for the meek of the earth (Isaiah 11:1-4). (The shoot that came forth from Jesse refers to Christ).

Isaiah also prophesied that: -

- A virgin will conceive and bear a son, and call his name Immanuel, (Isaiah 7:14) he will grow up before God like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground and have no form or majesty that we should look at him or beauty that we should desire him. (Isaiah 53:2) but the Spirit of the LORD GOD will be upon him because the LORD will anoint him to bring Good News to the poor; and to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;(Isaiah 61:1). At the end of his ministry he will give his back to those who strike, and his cheeks to those who pull out the beard; he will not hide his face from disgrace and spitting (Isaiah 50:6). (Isaiah is of course speaking of Christ).

Jeremiah said: -

- The days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: The Lord is our righteousness (Jer. 23:5-6). (The righteous Branch is Christ).

Daniel wrote: -

- I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came One like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and a Kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his Kingdom one that shall not be destroyed (Dan. 7:13-14). (The came one like a Son of man refers to Christ).

Hosea prophesied of Christ calling Israel to: -

- Return to the LORD their God that He may heal them; Hosea proclaims in his prophetic message, “After two days the LORD will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us press on to know the LORD; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth. (Hosea 6:1-3). (His going out is echoing Christ’s death and as the dawn he will come is echoing his return).

Micah prophesied: -

- Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days (Micah 5:2). (The one to come forth is Christ).

Zechariah writes: -

- If one asks him, 'What are these wounds on your back?' he will say, 'The wounds I received in the house of my friends.' (Zech. 13:6) and writes that, "A man whose name is the Branch will extend out from his place, and build the temple of the LORD (Zechariah 6:12).

Zechariah also tells Jerusalem: -

- To rejoice greatly because their King is coming to them; righteous and having salvation, he is humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey (Zech. 9:9). Later in his letter he pens the beautiful words, "The LORD will pour out on Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn." (Zech. 12:9-10). (Zechariah clearly writes of Christ).

Malachi prophesied: -

- The Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his Temple; behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts, but who can endure the day of his coming, he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and refine the sons of Levi like gold (Malachi 3:1-3). (It is Christ who will suddenly come to his temple).

Paul when speaking of Jesus says: -

- The religious rulers of Israel did not recognize him (Christ) nor understand the utterances of the prophets, which are read every Sabbath, fulfilled them by condemning him (Acts 13:27).
- See also (Psalm 22) and (Isaiah 53).

Naturally there are many more Old Testament Scriptures concerning the Lord.

Jesus himself said: -

- I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book (Heb 10:7). (The scroll of the book refers to the Old Testament writings).

And he said to the Jews: -

- You search the Scriptures (Old Testament) because they think that in them they have eternal life; but it is they that bear witness about me (John 5:39).

It is very clear that the religious rulers of Israel should have recognised their Messiah when he came especially since he was performing supernatural miracles that could only be done by a man who God's power was flowing through in such a majestic and awesome manner.

NOTE.

These most celebrated and famous prophecies that the faithful prophets of old spoke thousands of years before Christ appeared stunningly show that the Bible is the inspired word of God for the following three reasons: -

1. Who from their own mind could ever imagine that God's own Son the promised Messiah, the Christ and Saviour of the world would ever have to suffer such a humiliating brutal, bloody and cruel death?
2. Who could imagine from their own mind that a man born of a woman would be raised from the dead to eternal life and everlasting glory? Certainly generations of old believed in life after death, but it was in the form of a conscious spirit being, not a human raised from the grave to immortality and eternal life.
3. Many Old Testament Scriptures give exact details of Christ's birth, his life and his suffering long before he appeared.

Jesus has a Meal in the Village of Emmaus with the two Men.

Luke 24:13-32 ----- ²⁸So they drew near to the village (Emmaus) to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?"

Jesus stayed in the village of Emmaus and while having a meal with the two men he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them and their eyes were opened, and they recognized him and he vanished from their sight.

It is interesting to notice it wasn't until the Lord prayed and broke the bread that their eyes were opened. I like to think that they saw the nail scars in his hands and when he prayed it was such an intimate prayer of exaltation to his Father and expressed such love and forgiveness for humanity that they were left with no doubt who they were sharing this meal with.

NOTICE: the term, breaking bread means having a meal together, today we would simply say, "Come over for lunch or dinner," but breaking bread generally carries the idea that the meal is a meal that is shared with people who have a common bond with each other and a common love.

They recognized Him and he Vanished from their Sight.

The words, Jesus vanished from their sight, has tremendous implications for all those who belong to Christ, because John says to all who belong to the Lord: -

- Beloved, we are God's children now, but what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is (1 John 3:2)

And the apostle Paul says: -

- This perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality (1 Cor. 15:53).

This means that when our mortal body is resurrected it will be clothed with immortality and we will be like Christ and not bound to this earth's gravity (1 Thess. 4:13-18) (1 Cor. 15:47-58).

A Spirit does not have Flesh and Bones.

Luke 24:33-43 ----- ³³And they (the two in Emmaus village) rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told (the eleven) what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread. ³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marvelling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them.

The two men leave Emmaus village and return to Jerusalem and tell the eleven apostles that Jesus had risen and appeared to them and as they were talking Jesus himself appeared and stood among them (v33-36).

Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James and Salome the women who after seeing the angel/men at Jesus empty tomb and who had gone and told the apostles at Jerusalem what they had seen (v4-10) would certainly have been amongst those who were gathered together with the eleven in Jerusalem. These verses also clearly show that the two men on the Emmaus Road could not be any of the apostles because there are eleven apostles already at Jerusalem when the two arrive (notice Jesus has already appeared to Peter).

Jesus appears in his Resurrected Body.

Jesus appears to those gathered with the eleven apostles and they are stunned, so much so they think they are looking at a spirit of him. Remember religious and pagan people during Jesus generation believed in life after death, they had no problem accepting the spirit of humans went onto some kind of spirit life in the hereinafter, but in it never entered the mind of any human that an actual human body could be raised from the dead to immortality and eternal life (with the exception of a few prophets) thus the reason the eleven and those with them thought they were seeing a ghost like spirit.

Jesus to show that he was not a spirit but an actual eternal immortal human points out that a spirit does not have flesh and bones as he does neither does a spirit eat, showing his disciples that the complete person (body and mind) is raised to immortality and eternal glory.

(Mark 16:12-13) (John 20:19) (1 Cor. 15:5) also speak of these events.

Repentance and Forgiveness should be proclaimed to all Nations.

Luke 24:44-49 ----- ⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Jesus tells the eleven apostles and those with them, which were the two men from the Emmaus village, Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James and Salome and whoever else may have been present that everything that had taken place was what he told them would take place when he was with them and what Moses and the Prophets have spoken about and what the authors of the Psalms have written concerning him.

Then Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that proclaim Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead showing that everything that has taken place (i.e. Judas betrayal, Christ's suffering, his brutal death and the resurrection) was all in God's foreordained plan and purposes for the salvation of mankind from the beginning of time.

To see what Moses, the prophets and the authors of Psalms wrote concerning Christ see the title: -

- Moses wrote of Jesus (following verses 25-27).

According to Jesus words the Gospel that should be proclaimed is: -

- Christ his death and the resurrection.
- Godly repentance in Christ's name is the entry into God's Kingdom.
- Salvation is by faith and grace and not by self-effort and works.
- God's forgiveness through Christ is always available to those who repent.

Stay in Jerusalem until you are Clothed with Power from on High.

Jesus words: -

- Behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high (v49).

Refer to the day of Pentecost when they were all together in one place and suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting and divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues (languages) as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Acts 2:1-4).

The following is the scenario of those who Jesus appeared too: -

- At the tomb.
- On the Emmaus road.
- In Jerusalem.

Late Friday afternoon: Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James and Salome went to the tomb with Joseph of Arimathea at twilight on Friday (Passover Day) and saw where the body of Jesus was laid in the tomb (Luke 23:50-56) (Luke 24:10) (Mark 16:6).

Later Friday evening: Mary Magdalene, Joanna and Mary the mother of James and Salome went home to prepare spices for the body of Jesus.

Saturday: was a High Sabbath meaning it was the beginning of the, seven Day Feast of Unleavened Bread of which the first day was a Sabbath Day and also the weekly Jewish Saturday Sabbath.

At sunrise Saturday early Sunday: the women went to put the spices on Jesus body, the first to arrive at the tomb was Mary Magdalene.

The following events all take place on Sunday: -

- The 1st day of the week and the 3rd day since Jesus was Crucified.

Early Sunday morning: angels at the tomb tell Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James and Salome to go Jerusalem and tell Jesus disciples and Peter that Jesus has risen (Mark 16:1-6) (Luke 24:9-13) (John 20:1-10, 18).

Sometime later Sunday morning: after hearing Jesus had risen Peter and the other disciple run to the tomb, the other disciple arrives first, but Peter is the first to go into the tomb.

Then the other disciple follows him into the tomb after which they both go home (Luke 24:9-13) (John 20:1-10).

Mary Magdalene was following Peter and the other disciple to the tomb and arrived after them. This is when Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene it was after Peter and the other disciple had left the tomb to go home (John 20:11-17).

Sometime during Sunday: Jesus appears to two other men on their way to Emmaus village (Luke 24:9-13). It is the third day since Jesus was crucified (Luke 24:21). Emmaus village was only 7 miles from Jerusalem (Luke 24:13). The name of one of the two men was Cleopas meaning Peter (Luke 24:18). (This was not the apostle Peter).

Early Sunday evening: Jesus stayed in the village of Emmaus and ate a meal with the two men (Luke 24:28-31). In their conversations with Jesus he tells them that he has already appeared to Peter (Luke 24:33-34) then after eating with them Jesus vanished from their sight (Luke 24:31).

The two immediately go to Jerusalem (7 miles away) and tell the eleven and those with them what had happened (Luke 24:33) (Luke 24:28-32).

Later Sunday evening: while the two men from Emmaus village were in Jerusalem telling the eleven that they had seen Jesus he appears to them all, in a locked room (Luke 24:36-34) (John 20:18) and eight days later Jesus appears to Thomas (John 20:26).

Jesus Ascended to Heaven.

Luke 24:50-53 ----- ⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them he parted from them and was carried up into heaven ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus lived at Bethany and it was where Lazarus was raised to life. The village of Bethany was at Mount of Olives in Palestine on the road to Jericho two miles from Jerusalem. Jesus lead Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James and Salome, the two from Emmaus village, the eleven and those with them out to Bethany and blessed them then ascended to Heaven.

Ponder for a Moment.

Imagine these disciples overwhelming joy, only three days ago they had seen the man they loved whipped, brutally beaten, cruelly tortured and then nailed to the cross like a criminal and now he has risen from the grave and is standing before them about to ascend to his heavenly Father and eternal glory. Is it any wonder they returned to Jerusalem with great joy and day after day worshipping in the temple blessing and praising God.

For further information see the following titles: -

- Three Days and three Nights.
- Tomb (Events that took place the first Day) (Third Day).
- Passover.

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