

UNEXPECTED RESURRECTION ~ Matthew 28:1-10

→Scripture Reading Luke 8:1-3, Matt. 28:5-7, John 20:15-18

INTRODUCTION

Resurrection Quiz

- 1- Who believed the Resurrection without seeing Jesus first?
- 2- Who refused to believe until he saw and touched Jesus?
- 3- What was the largest group of people Jesus appeared to?
- 4- Who was the first person to see the Resurrected Jesus?

SUPPORTING Jesus Financially ~ Luke 8:1-3

¹ After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with Him, ² and ALSO some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; ³ Joanna the wife of Cuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to SUPPORT them out of their own means.

Jesus did NOT select men exclusively as His followers. A central core of women also accompanied Him. HNT

IMPLICATIONS

→Jesus VALUED Women as His Followers

¹...Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another... The Twelve were with Him, ² and also some women...

In Jewish culture Rabbis refused to teach women because they were generally considered to be inferior. By allowing these women to travel with Him, Jesus was showing that ALL people are equal under God. LAB

Galatians 3:26-28 (NLT) For you are ALL children of God through FAITH in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ And ALL who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on the character of Christ, like putting on new clothes. ²⁸ There is NO LONGER Jew or Gentile, slave or free, MALE and FEMALE. **For you are ALL ONE IN Christ Jesus.**

→Jesus DELIVERED Mary from seven Demons

²...women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out

→These Women SUPPORTED Jesus Financially

³...These women were helping to SUPPORT them out of their own means.

It was NOT unusual in that day for Jewish women to use their wealth to support the Rabbis. These women SUPPORTED Jesus' ministry with their OWN money.. Wiersbe

NEARBY Until the END ~ Matthew 27:55-61

⁵⁵ Many women were there, watching from a distance. They had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for His needs. ⁵⁶ Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

⁵⁷ As EVENING approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸ Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him.

⁵⁹ Joseph *took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, ⁶⁰ and placed it IN his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away. ⁶¹ Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb.

Time for a Proper BURIAL ~ Mark 16:1-3

¹ When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome BOUGHT spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ² Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³ and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

IMPLICATION

➔ Mary Demonstrated her LOVE for the LORD Jesus one Last Time

Luke 24:1 (NIV) On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had PREPARED and went to the tomb.

Spices were poured over a dead body to counteract the odor of decay and as a symbolic EXPRESSION of love and Devotion. BKC

SURPRISE at the Tomb ~ Matthew 28:1-7

¹ After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. ² There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. ⁵ The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is NOT here; He has risen, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee...'

TIME LINE... BKC

1. An angel ROLLED away the stone from the tomb- Matt. 28:2-4
2. Women came to the tomb it was EMPTY- John 20:1
3. Mary Magdalene ran back to tell Peter and John- John 20:1-2
4. Other women see two Angels- Matt. 28:5-7
5. Peter and John come and see the EMPTY tomb- John 20:3-10
6. Mary Magdalene RETURNS to the Tomb- John 20:11-18

John 20:10-18 (NIV) Then the disciples went back to their homes, ¹¹ but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. ¹³ They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken MY Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." ¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did NOT realize that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ "Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have put Him, and I will get Him."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said, "Do not hold on to ME, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!..."

Jesus APPEARED to...

1. Mary Magdalene at the tomb ALONE- Mark 16:9-11
2. To the other Women WHILE they were heading home - Matt. 28:8-10
3. Peter by himself- Luke 24:34
4. The two people on the road to Emmaus- Luke 24:13-32
5. Jesus appeared to 10 apostles- Luke 24:36-43

TAKE AWAY ??

Mary's Love and Devotion to Jesus was Incredible

- she was LAST one at the CROSS - Matt. 27:55
- she was the LAST one at the TOMB - Matt. 27:61
- she with the other women FIRST at the empty TOMB - John 20:1
- she was the FIRST person to SEE Jesus after His Resurrection- John 20: 11-18

1 Timothy 1:15 (NIV) Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to SAVE sinners - of whom I am the worst.