



A Synthesis of Resurrection Accounts in the Gospels

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Matt- Black, Mark – Blue, Luke – Red, John – Green

Yellow- Transition statements added by Pastor Clint

¹Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of James and Salome bought spices they had prepared to the tomb so that they might go and anoint him. ²And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" ³And behold, there was a great earthquake and looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large and an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and sat on it. They also saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed and bowed their faces to the ground. ⁴The two men stood by them in dazzling apparel with an appearance was like lightning, and clothing white as snow. ⁵And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁶But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁷He is not here, for he has risen, as he said, "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. The angel said, "Come, see the place where he lay" but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. They were perplexed about this. The angel said to them, ⁹Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. ¹⁰And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone. ¹¹So Mary ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved (John), and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ¹²So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ¹³Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ¹⁴And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ¹⁵Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ¹⁶and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ¹⁷Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ¹⁸for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁹Then the disciples went back to their homes. ²⁰But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ²¹And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ²²They 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." ²³Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ²⁴Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" 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." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ²⁶Jesus 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.'" Jesus then appeared to the other women and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ²⁷Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

²⁸While they were going, behold, some of the (men who had been guarding the tomb) went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. ²⁹And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers ³⁰and said, "Tell people, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.' ³¹And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." ³²So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James told these things to the eleven and to all the rest of the disciples as they mourned and wept. Their words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹³That very day 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. ¹⁶ But 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. ²⁴ Some 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." ²⁵And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was 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. ²⁸So they drew near to the village 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. ³¹ And 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?" ³³And they 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 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 marveling, 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. 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. ⁴⁸ You 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."

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." ²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."