

## TUESDAY

## The Women at the Tomb

**Mark 16:1–8** <sup>1</sup>Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. <sup>2</sup>Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen.

**John 19:25** = identifies at least 4 women who witnessed the crucifixion

- **Mary** = mother of Jesus
- Mary's sister = **probably Salome**, married to Zebedee
  - mother of James/John
- **Mary** = wife of Celopas (mother of James the Less/younger and Joses)
- **Mary Magdalene**
  
- Abject horror /watched as He hung between heaven/ earth
  - struggling to breathe, and witnessing His death
  - when Roman soldier thrust spear thru His side
- Friday afternoon = hope had been trampled / watched as His body was removed from cross= placed in tomb

**Mark 15:47** And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses observed where He was laid.

- Jews didn't embalm their dead = wrapped them in perfumed cloths
- Women = anxious to show their love/respect for Jesus
  - by anointing His body w/spices

**Luke 23:56** Then they returned and prepared spices and fragrant oils. And they rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment.

- Prepared spices had in their homes before Sabbath started that Friday evening
- Probably not refreshing Sabbath rest

- distressed/discouraged/depressed at horror of events
- Couldn't shake image of His bruised/ battered body = hanging on cross
- After Sabbath hours/Sat. evening= bought more spices to prepare
- Very early Sunday morning = out to tomb to perform labor of love
  - obviously not expecting - Him to be resurrected
- Forgot He said, **John 16:22** I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you.
- **John 20:1** Mary Magdalene arrived at tomb = still dark = possibly slipped out and went before rest of women

**Mark 16:3-5** <sup>3</sup>And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" [no men w/ them = heavy stone = didn't realize it had been sealed/ guard posted]

<sup>4</sup>But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large. [not rolled away to let Jesus out = but to allow witnesses in]

<sup>5</sup>And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

- **Met by angel** (Luke records two = Mt/Mark focus on one who spoke)
- **Tells marvelous truth = of Gospel = we serve a living Savior**

**Mark 16:6-8** But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

- **Overwhelmed by angel's appearance/words = said nothing at first**

- As we read gospel of Mark = know from beginning Jesus = Messiah
- **Mark 8:29** = Halfway thru this book = Peter proclaims Jesus = Messiah
- Jesus protected His identity = seeking time to finish His ministry according to the time prophecies of Daniel 9:24–27.

**Mark 1:44** = tells leper to tell no one of his healing.

**Mark 5:43** = tells Jairus/wife tell no one of raising their daughter.

**Mark 7:36** = tells group not to tell people about His healing of deaf and mute man.

**Mark 8:30 / 9:9** = commands His disciples not to tell He is = Messiah

- Now = women know He has been resurrected from dead = amazed/fearful = fled from tomb
- didn't speak to others at first = **but silence didn't last long**

**Mark 16:20** "And they went out and **preached everywhere**, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs"

- Shattering = motif of being silent about who Jesus is
  - and what He has done
  - We must not be silent about Jesus = what He has done

**1 Peter 3:15** But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

- applies primarily to times = Christians / being persecuted because of their faith = but verse also applies to everyday life
- When Lord opens door to witness thru people's questions = be ready to tell great things He has done
- Witness w/holy boldness = gentleness of spirit = reverently = w/o ridicule = recognizing presence of Lord in your life
- **2 Cor 5:20** **Ambassadors for Christ** = **2 Cor 3:3** **Letter from Christ**