

Empty tomb in all four gospels

MARK 16.1-8

When the sabbath was over, **Mary Magdalene**, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very **early** on **the first day of the week**, when the sun had risen, they went **to the tomb**. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. **As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.** But he said to them, "Do not be **alarmed**; you are looking for Jesus **of Nazareth**, who was crucified. **He has been raised; he is not here.** Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples **and Peter** that he is going ahead of you to **Galilee**; there you will see him, **just as he told you.**" So they went out and **fled** from the tomb, for terror and **amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.**

MATTHEW 28.1-8

After the sabbath, as **the first day of the week** was dawning, **Mary Magdalene** and the other Mary went to see **the tomb**. **And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you."** So they left the tomb quickly with fear and **great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.**

LUKE 24.1-9, 12

But on **the first day of the week**, at **early** dawn, they came **to the tomb**, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, **but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them.** The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, **but the men said** to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? **He is not here, but has risen.** Remember how he told you, while he was still in **Galilee**, that the Human One must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest...
But **Peter** got up and ran to the tomb; **stooping** and looking in, **he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he departed, amazed at what had happened.**

JOHN 20.1-17

Early on **the first day of the week**, while it was still dark, **Mary Magdalene** came **to the tomb** and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. **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."** Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon **Peter** came, following him, and went into the tomb. **He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.** Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. 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." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" 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." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because 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.'"