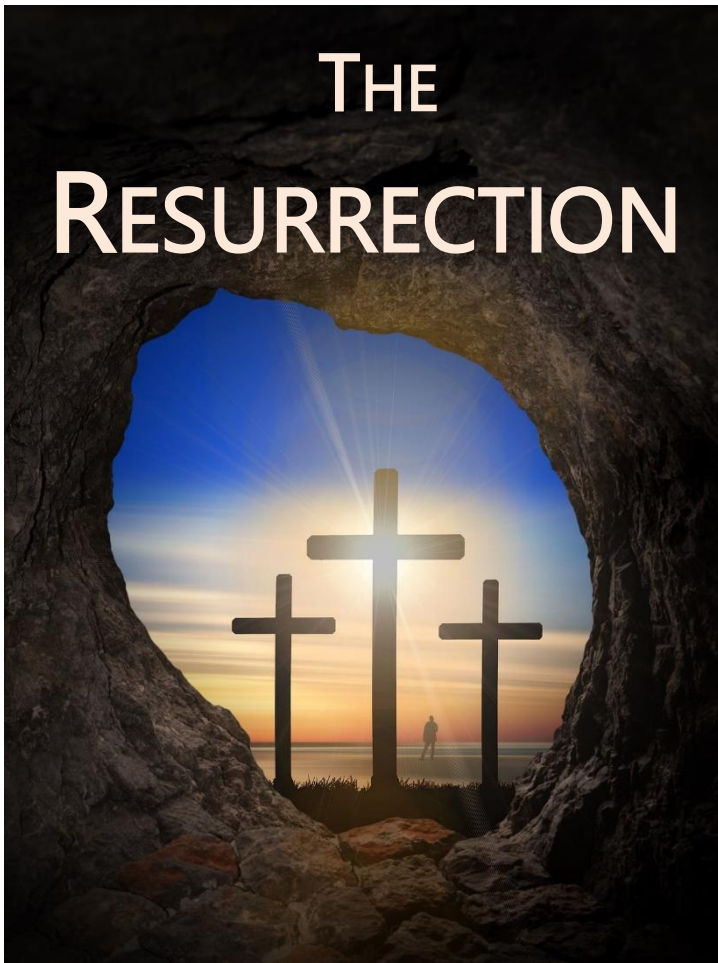


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Preface

This is the full story of the resurrection of Jesus integrated from all four Gospels.

I have used the World English Bible British Edition (WEBBE), which is copyright free, as my basis, using exact wording from the Bible most of the time. But there are places where I needed to paraphrase or restructure sentences after amalgamating the accounts, to help the flow and aid understanding. I have also changed a few words to more modern ones.

At the start of each section I have included the relevant Bible references.

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Matthew 28:1-18; Mark 16:1-20; Luke 24:1-53;
John 20:1-31, 21:1-25;
Acts 1:2-11; 1 Corinthians 15:5-7

Introduction

At the Jews' insistence, the Romans have crucified Jesus, and his body has been laid in a tomb with a huge stone rolled across the entrance which was then sealed.

The Stone is Rolled Away

Matthew 28:2-4

Behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from the sky, and came and rolled away the stone from the door of the tomb and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. The Roman guards were so afraid of him that they shook and fell to the ground like dead men.

The Women Arrive at the Tomb

Matthew 28:1,5-8; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-8; John 20:1-2

Now when the Sabbath was past, on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene went early to the tomb while it was still dark, and saw the stone had been taken away from the entrance. So she ran and found Simon Peter and John, the disciple whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have laid him!"

At early dawn, Mary the mother of James, Salome, Joanna and other women came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared, that they might come and anoint Jesus. They were saying among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" for it was very big. Looking up, they saw that the stone was already rolled away from the tomb. They went into the tomb, and didn't find the Lord Jesus' body. While they were greatly perplexed about this, two men stood by them in dazzling clothing.

One was a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe. The women were amazed. Terrified, they bowed their faces down to the earth.

The angel said to the women, “Don’t be afraid or amazed, for I know that you seek Jesus, the Nazarene, who has been crucified. Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, for he has risen, just like he said. Come, see the place where the Lord was lying. Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee, saying that the Son of Man must be delivered up into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again?” They remembered his words. “Go quickly and tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He has risen from the dead, and behold, he goes before you into Galilee; there you will see him, as he said to you.’ Behold, I have told you.” They went out, and fled quickly from the tomb, trembling with fear as well as great joy and astonishment. They said nothing to anyone; for they were afraid, but ran to bring his disciples word.

Peter and John Go to the Tomb

Luke 24:12; John 20:3-10

When Mary Magdalene had told Peter and John about the empty tomb, they got up, went out and ran together to the tomb. John outran Peter, and came to the tomb first. Stooping and looking in, he saw the strips of linen cloths lying by themselves, but he didn’t enter in.

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and entered into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the cloth that had been on his head, not lying with the linen cloths, but rolled up in a place by itself. So John, who came first to the tomb, also entered in and he saw and believed. As yet they didn’t know the Scripture, that Jesus must rise from the dead. So the two disciples went away again to their own homes, wondering what had happened.

Jesus Meets with Mary

Mark 16:9-11; John 20:11-18

Mary Magdalene was standing outside the tomb weeping. As she wept, she stooped and looked into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. They told her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn't know that it was him. Thus he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons.

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?" She, supposing him to be the gardener, 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, "Rabboni!" which is to say, "Teacher!" Jesus said to her, "Don't hold me, for I haven't yet ascended to my Father; but go to my brothers, and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples and found them mourning and weeping. She told them that she had seen the Lord, and that he had said these things to her. When they heard her say that he was alive, and had been seen by her, they didn't believe it.

Jesus Meets the Women

Matthew 28:9-10; Luke 24:9-11

As the other women, returning from the tomb, went to tell his disciples, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" They came and took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid. Go tell my brothers that they should go into Galilee, and there they will see me."

They ran to bring his disciples word and told all these things to the eleven, and to all the rest. Now along with Mary Magdalene, there were Salome, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James and other women who told these things to the apostles. These words seemed to them to be nonsense, and they didn't believe them.

The Chief Priests Bribe the Soldiers

Matthew 28: 11-15

Now while the women were going to the disciples, some of the guards came into the city and told the chief priests all the things that had happened. When the chief priests were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave a large amount of silver to the soldiers, saying, "Say that his disciples came by night, and stole him away while you slept. If this comes to the governor's ears, we will persuade him and make you free of worry." So the soldiers took the money and did as they were told. This saying was spread abroad among the Jews, and continues until today.

Jesus Appears on the Road to Emmaus

Mark 16:12-13; Luke 24:13-35

After these things Jesus was revealed in another form to two of his followers. They were going that very day on their way into the country to a village named Emmaus, which was sixty stadia from Jerusalem. They talked with each other about all of these things which had happened.

As they walked and talked and questioned together, Jesus himself came near, and walked with them. But their eyes were kept from recognising him. He said to them, "What are you talking about as you walk, and are sad?" One of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who doesn't know the things which have happened there in these days?" He said to them, "What

things?” They said to him, “The things concerning Jesus, the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people; and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we were hoping that it was he who would redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Also, certain women of our company amazed us. Having arrived early at the tomb, and not finding his body, they came and told us that they had also seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of us went to the tomb, and found it just like the women had said, but they didn’t see him.”

He said to them, “Foolish men, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Didn’t the Christ have to suffer these things and to enter into his glory?” Beginning from Moses and from all the prophets, he explained to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

They came near to the village where they were going, and he acted like he would go further. They urged him, saying, “Stay with us, for it is almost evening and the day is almost over.” He went in to stay with them.

When he had sat down at the table with them, he took the bread and gave thanks. Breaking it, he gave it to them. Their eyes were opened and they recognised him and he vanished out of their sight. They said to one another, “Weren’t our hearts burning within us, while he spoke to us along the way, and while he opened the Scriptures to us?”

They rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem and found the eleven gathered together and others with them, and told them, “The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” They related the things that happened along the way, and how he was recognised by them in the breaking of the bread. But the disciples didn’t believe them, either.

Jesus Appears to Ten Disciples

Mark 16:14; Luke 24:36-48; John 20:19-23

In the evening on that day, the first day of the week, ten of the eleven disciples were assembled and the doors were locked for fear of the Jews. As they talked, Jesus himself stood among them in the middle, revealing himself to them as they sat at the table. He said to them, "Peace be to you." But they were terrified and filled with fear, and supposed that they had seen a spirit.

He rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they didn't believe those who had seen him after he had risen. He said to them, "Why are you troubled? Why do doubts arise in your hearts?" When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side and said, "See my hands and my feet, that it is truly me. Touch me and see, for a spirit doesn't have flesh and bones, as you see that I have."

While they still didn't believe for joy, and wondered, he said to them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. He took them, and ate in front of them. He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you, that all things which are written in the law of Moses, the prophets and the psalms concerning me, must be fulfilled."

Then he opened their minds, that they might understand the Scriptures. He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

The disciples therefore were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus therefore said to them again, "Peace be to you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit! If you forgive anyone's sins,

they have been forgiven them. If you retain anyone's sins, they have been retained."

Thomas Doubts

John 20:24-25

But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, wasn't with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Jesus Appears to All Eleven Disciples

John 20:26-29

After eight days again his disciples were inside, and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, the doors being locked, and stood in the middle, and said, "Peace be to you." Then he said to Thomas, "Reach here your finger, and see my hands. Reach here your hand, and put it into my side. Don't be unbelieving, but believing." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen, and have believed."

Jesus Appears to Over 500 Followers

1 Corinthians 15:5-7

After Jesus had appeared to Peter and the other disciples, he appeared to over five hundred brothers at once, most of whom remain until now, but some have also fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James.

Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples

Matthew 28:16; John 21:1-14

After these things, the eleven disciples went into Galilee. Jesus led them out as far as Bethany. He revealed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias.

It was this way. Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, "I'm going fishing." They told him, "We are also coming with you." They immediately went out, and entered into the boat. That night, they caught nothing.

But when day had already come, Jesus stood on the beach, yet the disciples didn't know that it was him. Jesus therefore said to them, "Children, have you anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." So they cast it and now they weren't able to draw it in for the multitude of fish. John said to Peter, "It's the Lord!"

When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he wrapped his coat around him (for he was naked), and threw himself into the sea. But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from the land, but about two hundred cubits away), dragging the net full of fish. When they got out on the land, they saw a fire of coals there and fish laid on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught." Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and even though there were so many, the net wasn't torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and eat breakfast." None of the disciples dared inquire of him, "Who are you?" knowing that it was the Lord. Then Jesus came and took the bread, gave it to them, and the fish likewise. This is now the third time that Jesus was revealed to his disciples, after he had risen from the dead.

Jesus Reinstates Peter

John 21:15-19

So when they had eaten their breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I have affection for you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I have affection for you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you have affection for me?"

Peter was grieved because he asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said to him, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Most certainly I tell you, when you were young, you dressed yourself, and walked where you wanted to. But when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you, and carry you where you don't want to go." Now he said this, signifying by what kind of death Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me."

Peter Asks About John

John 21:20-23

Then Peter, turning around, saw John following. This was the disciple whom Jesus loved, the one who had also leaned on Jesus' breast at the supper and asked, "Lord, who is going to betray You?" Peter seeing him, said to Jesus, "Lord, what about this man?" Jesus said to him, "If I desire that he stay until I come, what is that to you? You follow me." This saying therefore went out among the brothers that this disciple wouldn't die. Yet Jesus didn't say to him that he wouldn't die, but, "If I desire that he stay until I come, what is that to you?"

Jesus Does Many Signs

John 20:30-31, 21:24-25; Acts 1:3

After he had suffered Jesus proved himself alive to his disciples many times, appearing to them over a period of forty days, and speaking about God's Kingdom. He did many other signs and things in the presence of his disciples which are not written in this book; which if they would all be written, I suppose that even the world itself wouldn't have room for the books that would be written. But these are written, that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name. The disciple, John, testifies about these things, and wrote these things. We know that his witness is true.

Jesus Commissions His Disciples

Matthew 28:16-18; Mark 16:15-18; Luke 24:49; Acts 1:2,4-8

The eleven disciples went to the mountain where Jesus had sent them and Jesus came to them. When they saw him, they bowed down to him. Being assembled together with them, through the Holy Spirit he commanded the apostles whom he had chosen, "Don't depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which you heard from me. For John indeed baptized in water, but you will be baptized in the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

They asked him, "Lord, are you now restoring the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It isn't for you to know times or seasons which the Father has set within his own authority. Behold, I send out the promise of my Father on you. But wait in the city of Jerusalem until you are clothed with power from on high. You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you."

And he spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go into all the world, and preach the Good News to the whole creation. He who believes and is baptized will be

saved; but he who disbelieves will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new languages; they will take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it will in no way hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover. You will be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth.”

Jesus Ascends into Heaven

Luke 24:51-53; Mark 16:19-20; Acts 1:9-11

So then the Lord, after he had spoken to them, lifted up his hands, and blessed them. While he blessed them, as they were looking, he withdrew from them, and was taken up, and a cloud received him out of their sight. He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.

While they were looking steadfastly into the sky as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white clothing, who said, “You men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who was received up from you into the sky will come back in the same way as you saw him going into the sky.”

They worshipped Jesus, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

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*If you will confess with your mouth
that Jesus is Lord,
and believe in your heart
that God raised him from the dead,
you will be saved.*

(Romans 10:9)



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