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**GOSPEL ACCOUNTS**

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**John 19:30** Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

**<sup>31</sup>** Then the Jews, because it was the day of preparation, so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. **<sup>32</sup>** So the soldiers came, and broke the legs of the first man and of the other who was crucified with Him; **<sup>33</sup>** but coming to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. **<sup>34</sup>** But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

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**<sup>35</sup> And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe. <sup>36</sup> For these things came to pass to fulfill the Scripture, "NOT A BONE OF HIM SHALL BE BROKEN."  
<sup>37</sup> And again another Scripture says, "THEY SHALL LOOK ON HIM WHOM THEY PIERCED." —John 19:30-37**

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**<sup>42</sup> When evening had already come, because it was the preparation day, that is, the day before the Sabbath, <sup>43</sup> Joseph of Arimathea came, a prominent member of the Council, who himself was waiting for the kingdom of God; and he gathered up courage and went in before Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>44</sup> Pilate wondered if He was dead by this time, and summoning the centurion, he questioned him as to whether He was already dead. <sup>45</sup> And ascertaining this from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph.**

**—Mark 15:42-45**

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**<sup>38</sup> After these things Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but a secret *one* for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate granted permission. So he came and took away His body.**

**<sup>39</sup> Nicodemus, who had first come to Him by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds *weight*. <sup>40</sup> So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen wrappings with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. <sup>41</sup> Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. <sup>42</sup> Therefore because of the Jewish day of preparation, since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.**

**—John 19:38-42**



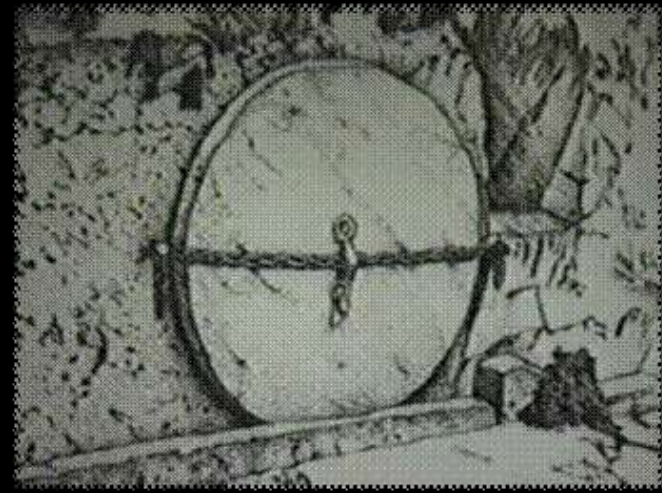
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**Matthew 27: 59 And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, <sup>60</sup> and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the entrance of the tomb and went away. <sup>61</sup> And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the grave.**

**<sup>62</sup> Now on the next day, the day after the preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered together with Pilate, <sup>63</sup> and said, "Sir, we remember that when He was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I *am to rise again.*'**

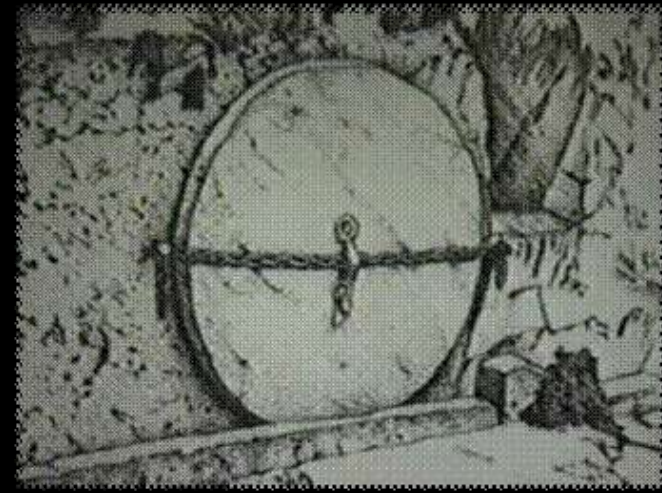
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**<sup>64</sup> Therefore, give orders for the grave to be made secure until the third day, otherwise His disciples may come and steal Him away and say to the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last deception will be worse than the first." <sup>65</sup> Pilate said to them, "You have a guard; go, make it *as* secure as you know how." <sup>66</sup> And they went and made the grave secure, and along with the guard they set a seal on the stone.**

**—Matthew 27:59-66**

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**Now after the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first *day* of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the grave. <sup>2</sup> And behold, a severe earthquake had occurred, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it. <sup>3</sup> And his appearance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. <sup>4</sup> The guards shook for fear of him and became like dead men.**  
—Matthew 28:1-4

**<sup>2</sup> Very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. <sup>3</sup> They were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?”**  
—Mark 16:2-3



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**<sup>4</sup> Looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away, although it was extremely large. <sup>5</sup> Entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting at the right, wearing a white robe; and they were amazed. <sup>6</sup> And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen; He is not here; behold, *here is* the place where they laid Him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell His disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He told you.'"**  
**<sup>8</sup> They went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had gripped them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. —Mark 16:2-8**

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**<sup>11</sup> Now while they were on their way, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all that had happened. <sup>12</sup> And when they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, <sup>13</sup> and said, “You are to say, ‘His disciples came by night and stole Him away while we were asleep.’ <sup>14</sup> And if this should come to the governor’s ears, we will win him over and keep you out of trouble.” <sup>15</sup> And they took the money and did as they had been instructed; and this story was widely spread among the Jews, *and is to this day.* —Matthew 28:11-15**

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**John 20:1** Now on the first *day* of the week Mary Magdalene came early to the tomb, while it was still dark, and saw the stone *already* taken away from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she ran and came to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." <sup>3</sup> So Peter and the other disciple went forth, and they were going to the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two were running together; and the other disciple ran ahead faster than Peter and came to the tomb first; <sup>5</sup> and stooping and looking in, he saw the linen wrappings lying *there*; but he did not go in.

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**<sup>6</sup> And so Simon Peter also came, following him, and entered the tomb; and he saw the linen wrappings lying *there*, <sup>7</sup> and the face-cloth which had been on His head, not lying with the linen wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> So the other disciple who had first come to the tomb then also entered, and he saw and believed. <sup>9</sup> For as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. <sup>10</sup> So the disciples went away again to their own homes. —John 20:1-10**

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**John 20: <sup>11</sup> But Mary was standing outside the tomb weeping; and so, as she wept, she stooped and looked into the tomb; <sup>12</sup> and she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had been lying. <sup>13</sup> And they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing *there*, and did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?"**



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**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." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means, Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, "Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene came, announcing to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and that He had said these things to her.**

**—John 20:11-18**

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**Luke 24: <sup>13</sup> And behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> And they were talking with each other about all these things which had taken place. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus Himself approached and *began* traveling with them. <sup>16</sup> But their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him. <sup>17</sup> And He said to them, "What are these words that you are exchanging with one another as you are walking?" And they stood still, looking sad.**

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**<sup>18</sup> One *of them*, named Cleopas, answered and said to Him, "Are You the only one visiting Jerusalem and unaware of the things which have happened here in these days?" <sup>19</sup> And He said to them, "What things?" And they said to Him, "The things about Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to the sentence of death, and crucified Him. <sup>21</sup> But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things happened.**

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**<sup>22</sup> But also some women among us amazed us. When they were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup> and did not find His body, they came, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said that He was alive.**

**<sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just exactly as the women also had said; but Him they did not see.” <sup>25</sup> And He said to them, “O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?” <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.**

**-Luke 24:13-27**

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**<sup>28</sup> And they approached the village where they were going, and He acted as though He were going farther. <sup>29</sup> But they urged Him, saying, “Stay with us, for it is *getting* toward evening, and the day is now nearly over.” So He went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When He had reclined *at the table* with them, He took the bread and blessed *it*, and breaking *it*, He *began* giving *it* to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight.**

**—Luke 24:13-31**



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**And now as we commune with the risen Christ,  
let us pray.**



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**<sup>32</sup> They said to one another, “Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?”  
<sup>33</sup> And they got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found gathered together the eleven and those who were with them, <sup>34</sup> saying, “The Lord has really risen and has appeared to Simon.” <sup>35</sup> They *began* to relate their experiences on the road and how He was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread.**

**—Luke 24:32-35**

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**<sup>36</sup> While they were telling these things, He Himself stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be to you." <sup>37</sup> But they were startled and frightened and thought that they were seeing a spirit. <sup>38</sup> And He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> See 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." <sup>40</sup> And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. <sup>41</sup> While they still could not believe *it* because of their joy and amazement, He said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup> They gave Him a piece of a broiled fish; <sup>43</sup> and He took it and ate *it* before them.**

**—Luke 24:36-43**

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**<sup>19</sup> So when it was evening on that day, the first *day* of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace *be* with you." <sup>20</sup> And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> So Jesus said to them again, "Peace *be* with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you."**

**—John 20:19-21**



**Call to Action:** To realize  
that just as Jesus died  
for me, Jesus was risen  
for me.



**“<sup>3</sup> Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?**

**<sup>4</sup> Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have become united with *Him* in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be *in the likeness* of His resurrection”**

**—Romans 6:3-5**

**-Are you living like you believe that Jesus was raised? -in you?**

**-How can we help?**