

Three Easter Gospels

Gospel John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, *Mary of Magdala came to the tomb* early in the morning, while it was still dark, **and saw the stone removed** from the tomb. *She ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple* whom Jesus loved, telling them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.”

Peter and the other disciple went out to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first. He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but he did not go in.

When Simon Peter arrived, **he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. The other disciple also went in**, the one who had arrived at the tomb first. *He saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture* that he had to rise from the dead.

Gospel Luke 24:1-12

At daybreak on the first day of the week, [women] took spices they had prepared and went to the tomb.

They found the stone rolled away from the tomb. When they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were puzzling over this, two men in dazzling garments appeared to them.

The [women] were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground. They said to them, “**Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised.** Remember what he said to you while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners and be crucified and rise on the third day.” *THEY REMEMBERED HIS WORDS AND RETURNED FROM THE TOMB AND ANNOUNCED THESE THINGS* to the eleven and to the others. They were Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James; **the other companions also told this to the apostles, BUT THEIR STORY SEEMED LIKE NONSENSE.** They did not believe them. Then, Peter got up and ran to the tomb, bent down. He saw the burial cloths alone. *[PETER] WENT HOME AMAZED AT WHAT HAD HAPPENED.*



Luke 24: 13-35 The Road to Emmaus.

That very day two of them were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. **While they were conversing and debating, Jesus drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.** He asked them, “**What are you discussing as you walk along?**” They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said in reply, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem not to know [what had] taken place these days?”

He replied to them, “What sort of things?” They said to him, “The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. **We were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel;** and ... it is now the third day since this took place. Women from our group have astounded us. They were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see.”

He said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke!

Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory?”

Beginning with Moses and the prophets, **he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures.**

As they came to the village to which they were going, he gave impression that he was going on farther. But **they urged him, “STAY WITH US, FOR IT IS NEARLY EVENING AND THE DAY IS ALMOST OVER.”** He went in to stay with them. While he was with them at table, *HE TOOK BREAD, SAID THE BLESSING, BROKE IT, AND GAVE IT TO THEM.* With that *THEIR EYES WERE OPENED AND THEY RECOGNIZED HIM,* but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, “*WERE NOT OUR HEARTS BURNING [WITHIN US] WHILE HE SPOKE TO US ON THE WAY AND OPENED THE SCRIPTURES TO US?*” *THEY SET OUT AT ONCE AND RETURNED TO JERUSALEM* where they found the eleven gathered and those with them who were saying, “The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!” *THEN THE TWO RECOUNTED WHAT HAD TAKEN PLACE ON THE WAY AND HOW HE WAS MADE KNOWN TO THEM IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD.*