

*The angel said to the women,
“Do not be afraid, for I know that
you are looking for Jesus,
who was crucified. He is not here;
he has risen, just as he said.*

Matthew 28:5-6a

Scripture Reading:

John 20:1-18

*1 Early on the first day of the week,
while it was still dark, Mary
Magdalene went to the tomb and
saw that the stone had been
removed from the entrance.*

2 So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

3 So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb.

4 Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in.

6 Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, 7 as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen.

8 Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. 9 (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) 10 Then the disciples went back to their homes,

11 but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb 12 and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

13 They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him."

14 At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

15 “Woman,” he said, “why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?”

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.”

*16 Jesus said to her, "Mary."
She turned toward him and cried
out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which
means Teacher).*

*17 Jesus said, "Do not hold on to
me, for I have not yet returned to
the Father. Go instead to my
brothers and tell them, 'I am
returning to my Father and your
Father, to my God and your God.'"*

18 Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Resurrection Proves:

1. The deity of Jesus Christ!
2. Immortality!
3. We have a living Savior!
4. Jesus Christ has conquered death!
5. The darkness of the tomb is removed!
6. Our resurrection is sure!
7. Recognition of loved ones beyond the grave!
8. Life is worth living!