

Responses To The Resurrected Christ

Responses On The First Day

- Matt.27:65-66 The Soldiers were posted to “make it as secure as you can.” Remember Pilate’s wife?
- 28:1 – The Marys are headed for the tomb, while it is still dark. Not Jesus’ mother
- 2- The resurrection of Jesus coincided with the arrival of the Angel to remove the stone
- Jn.20:1- The stone was taken up and away, to sail away, to bear up, carry, to raise, keep in suspense, remove
- Matt.28:3-7- Describes the angel and his conversation with women (Note no “fear not” for the soldiers)

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- 20:2 Seeing the tomb open the Marys run to tell the disciples
- 20:3-9 - Peter and John’s foot race. Mary went back too.
- V8 - What did John see?
- 20:10-12 The disciples left, Mary stayed confused and mourning, but finally looks in, now 2 angels
- 13-14 – The Angels speak, Mary not listening, turns away to speak to “the gardener” (Shock, tears, different appearance?)
- 16- Jesus speaks, but it is at the use of her name she sees him
- It is significant His first witness was a woman
- 17- His request was, ‘Stop doing something’ rather than ‘Do not do something’

Seeing Is Believing

- 17 First time Jesus refers to his disciples as “my brothers”
- Lk.24:19; Jhn.20:19- Sunday night, Windows closed, doors barred, fearful men
- Jesus came and stood in their midst – Peace be with you!
- Lk.24:33-42 – they (and those with them) were talking about “these things”
- With Jesus sudden appearance they were startled, frightened, troubled, doubting, thought they saw a spirit!
- 41,42-They saw, still disbelieved for joy, marveling, He ate
- Scene repeated with Thomas 8 days later

When In Doubt, Go Fishing

- Matt.28:7; Mk.16:7 – Both record the Angel telling the women that Jesus would see them in Galilee
- Jhn.21 finds the disciples in Galilee waiting to see Jesus
- Peter, tired of waiting? bored? doubting? Announces he is going fishing.
- Was it divine providence that all night they caught no fish?
- Why would they listen to a stranger to cast on the other side?
- When Johns saw the full net, he knew who the stranger was
- Breakfast was served. 9-13
- This was the 3rd time they saw Jesus
- God is patient with doubters. Will you believe?