

What Mary Magdalene Saw

John 20:1-18

I. The Empty Tomb (1-2)

II. The Orderly Graveclothes (3-10)

A. What Mary, Peter, & John Saw (3-7)

B. What John Concluded (8-9)

C. What the Orderly Graveclothes Disprove

1. "Jesus escaped from the grave under His own purely human power."
2. "Jesus' disciples stole His body."
3. "Jesus' enemies stole His body."

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III. Jesus' Bodily Appearance (11-18)

A. Mary was a surprising eyewitness

1. She had a past (Lk. 8:1-2)
2. She was a woman

B. Mary was a competent eyewitness

1. She witnessed His crucifixion & death (Jn. 19:25; Mt. 27:55-56)
2. She witnessed His burial & the location of the grave (Mt. 27:59-61)
3. She was not expecting His resurrection (11)
4. She was not gullible or suggestible (12-13)

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A. Mary was a surprising eyewitness

B. Mary was a competent eyewitness

C. Mary was the first eyewitness

1. She saw Jesus (14)

2. She spoke with Jesus (15)

3. She confirmed Jesus' identity (16)

4. She touched Jesus' body (17)

5. She reported Jesus' appearance to others (18)

6. She was validated by over 500 other eyewitnesses (1 Cor. 15:5-10)

How *You* Should Respond to Mary's Testimony

1. If you're not a follower of Jesus, John is urging you to believe in Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins and for eternal life (20:28-31).
2. If you claim to be a Christian but don't love Jesus, follow Him as your Teacher, and obey Him as your Lord, you're not a Christian at all.
3. If you're a genuine follower of Jesus, then like Mary...
 - a. Be strengthened in your faith by the evidence of the resurrection.
 - b. Remember what Jesus saved you from.
 - c. Love Jesus with all your heart, mind, soul, & strength.
 - d. Continue to follow & obey Him as your Teacher & Lord.
 - e. Share your testimony of who Jesus is and what He's done for you.