

June 21

The Women Continue to Love Jesus Body—but It's Not There!

I saw...one who was ancient of days...his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool – Daniel 7:9

[Mark 16:1-8, garden tomb, Sunday]
When the Sabbath was past, *while it was still dark*, behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from the sky, and came and rolled away the stone from the door, and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him, the guards shook, and became like dead men. Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, that they might come and anoint him. Very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. They were saying among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" for it was very big. Looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back. *Mary Magdalene 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 don't know where they have laid him!"*

Entering into the tomb, they* *didn't find the* [*all the women except Mary Magdalene]

Lord Jesus' body. It happened, while they were greatly perplexed about this, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were amazed. He said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? Don't be amazed. You seek Jesus, the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen. He is not here. Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee, saying that the Son of Man must be delivered up into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again? Behold, the place where they laid him! But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He goes before you into Galilee. There you will see him, as he said to you.'"

They went out quickly and fled from the tomb with fear and great joy, for trembling and astonishment had come on them. They said nothing to anyone*; for they were afraid and ran to bring his disciples word. [Matthew 28:1-8, Luke 24:1-8, John 20:1-2]
[*they said nothing on their way to tell the disciples]

1. How would it be seeing an angel? Hearing a friend is alive? He *is* alive; how will you act?
2. Why did Mary leave the others? What did she know (May 3)? How can you be like her?
3. Jesus, you rose and the angels celebrated by scaring soldiers and telling the news; I want to...