

I. Mary at the empty tomb

- A. She did not have any hope that Jesus was alive

*picture of tomb with round stone

- B. She became the first witness to the empty tomb

*Picture of tomb

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- C. She reported the facts to the disciples

II. Peter and John at the empty tomb

- A. John arrived first and looked into the tomb

1. He saw that it was empty
2. He saw the grave clothes lying undisturbed

- B. Peter arrived and went into the tomb to investigate

1. He saw that it was empty
2. He saw the grave clothes lying undisturbed
3. He saw the head burial clothes set aside

- C. John went into the tomb to look carefully

1. He understood that Jesus had risen from the dead

“From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.” (Matthew 16:21)

2. He believed that Jesus was the risen Savior

“These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” (John 20:31)

III. Mary at the empty tomb again

- A. She was crying tears of grief

- B. She was questioned by two angels

C. She was met by the risen Christ

D. Jesus called her by name

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.” (Isaiah 43:1)

E. Mary believed in the resurrected Christ

“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” (John 11:25)

F. Mary became a witness for the risen Christ

“For you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)