

The Final Hours of the Life of Jesus Christ

A Compilation of the Four Gospels

Part 3: The Resurrection

Comprising Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, & John 20-21



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INTRODUCTION

Seeing as four different authors wrote the Four Gospels of the New Testament, each to a different audience, it makes sense why each book contains overlapping passages as well as unique verses and stories. This varying insight is wonderful when reading about the life and ministry of Jesus Christ as it gives us more light and knowledge than we might have had with only one or two accounts. However, at times, seemingly contradictory passages between the Gospels can cause confusion.

With that in mind, I sought to bring the Four Gospels together to tell one complete story. The following compilation is of the final hours of the life of Jesus Christ: Part 1, the last supper and betrayal; Part 2, the trial and condemnation, and His crucifixion and burial; and Part 3, the events surrounding His resurrection, as recorded in Matthew 26-28, Mark 14-16, Luke 22-24, and John 13-21. I am not a scholar by any means; though I did consult a few outside sources for consideration on timing of events, this is mostly done for my own enjoyment and in hopes that others might learn something new about the Savior as they study His final hours in mortality and subsequent triumph over the grave.

All passages are from the King James Version of the Holy Bible. Except in cases of grammar or punctuation, the text remains unchanged. When a word or phrase was needed to connect two verses from separate accounts, the word or phrase was placed in brackets. Because passages are mixed and moved around, original verse numbers were removed. The text is also highlighted into four colors to help the reader denote which author's words are being used.

WHY THIS COMPILATION?

I recognize that one could certainly read the New Testament carefully and piece together a full picture of events by studying each of the Four Gospels--that's what I've done my whole life. But I wanted to make that task easier by combining each of the unique parts, along with the common pieces, into one document.

I was initially prompted to do this project when I was pondering the words Jesus taught His disciples the night before His suffering and crucifixion. The thought came to me: "Of all the things Jesus could have taught the Apostles before His death, why did He choose this?" Ultimately, I do not know the answer to that question, but whatever the reason, I assume there is some significance in the words He shared when He knew he had just a few hours left in mortality.

CONSIDERATIONS

In creating this compilation I, of necessity, had to make a few judgment calls in terms of certain events. This relates to things like whether or not Judas was present for the washing of the feet performed by Jesus, or whether or not Judas partook of the bread and wine when Jesus instituted the Sacrament. The Four Gospels do not agree or are otherwise unclear about some of these events. In the case of these examples, this compilation shows Judas being present for both events. In the end, only the Lord knows what really happened, and the reader is free to come to his or her own conclusion.

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Now upon the first day of the week, when the sabbath was past, very early in the morning, at the rising of the sun, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the sweet spices which they had bought [and] prepared, and certain others with them.

And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for [two] angels of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. [Their] countenance was like lightning, and [their] raiment white as snow:

And for fear of [them] the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

And [the women] said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre? And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away from the sepulchre: for it was very great.

And they entered into the sepulchre, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.

And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: and they were affrighted.

And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Fear not ye: for [we] know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen, as he said.

Remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, saying, The Son of man must

be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. And they remembered his words.

But go your way, and tell his disciples and Peter that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.

And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any man; for they were afraid.

Then [Mary Magdalene] runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him.

Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and ran unto the sepulchre. And the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre. And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in.

Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and stooping down went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes laid by themselves, and the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself.

Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed. For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead.

Then the disciples went away again unto their own home. And [Peter] departed, wondering in

himself at that which was come to pass.

But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping.

Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.

And as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre, and seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou?

She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.

And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.

Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? Whom seekest thou?

She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.

Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my

Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

And she went and told the disciples as they mourned and wept that she had seen the Lord, that [she] had been with him, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not.

And as [the other women] went to tell his disciples, [as they had been commanded], behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

And [they] returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest.

It was Joanna, and Salome, and Mary the mother of James, and other women that were with them, which told these things unto the apostles. And their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not.

Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done.

And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers, saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept. And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you.

So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.



And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs. And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. But their eyes were holden that they should not know him.

And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?

And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?

And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him.

But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done.

Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the

sepulchre; And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive.

And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not.

Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?

And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further. But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.

And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them.

And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.

And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?

And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found where the eleven gathered together for fear of the Jews, and them that were with them, saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.

And they told what things were done in the

way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread. Neither believed they them.

And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

And [he] upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit.

And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? And why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands, and his feet, and his side.

Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord [but] yet believed not for joy, and wondered.

[And Jesus] said unto them, Have ye here any meat?

And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. And he took it, and did eat before them.

And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures.

And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things.

Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

And Thomas answered and said unto him, My

Lord and my God.

Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.



After these things Jesus shewed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and on this wise shewed he himself.

There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples.

Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing.

But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus.

Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No.

And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They

cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.

Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord.

Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his fisher's coat unto him, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea.

And the other disciples came in a little ship; (for they were not far from land, but as it were two hundred cubits,) dragging the net with fishes.

As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread. Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught.

Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken.

Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.

Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise.

This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.

So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not.

This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me.

Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee? Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do?

Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me.

Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: yet Jesus said not unto him, He shall not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee?

This is the disciple which testifieth of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his testimony is true.



Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshipped him.

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Go ye therefore into all the world, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Preach the gospel to every creature, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

And these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

And it came to pass, after the Lord had spoken

unto them [and] blessed them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written.

And [the eleven disciples] worshipped [Jesus], and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God.

And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

