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Easter Sunday

Narrator: Mary Magdalene

Primary Scriptures: Matthew 28, Mark 16, John 20

Story Summary: Jesus comes back to life after being dead; a week following

Location: Kingdom of Judea (Israel)

Time: Circa 30 AD

At first opportunity Mary Magdalene and other women took spices and perfumes to anoint the body of Jesus. They arrived either as the angels were rolling away the stone in front of the tomb or just after they had done so. When the women looked into the tomb, they found it empty. While they were in a stupor, the angel(s) told them Jesus had come back to life, just as he said he would. The women ran to tell the eleven apostles, who were in disbelief. However, Peter and John ran to the tomb and also found it empty. When Peter saw the headcloth was folded by itself, he ascertained that things were askew, but was not convinced Jesus had risen from the dead. At some point, Mary Magdalene stood outside the tomb and Jesus appeared to her. He instructed her to tell the apostles to meet him in Galilee. Jesus also appeared to the other women. That same day, Jesus appeared to two of his disciples walking on the road to Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They could not recognize him in his resurrected body, but he eventually revealed himself. Importantly, he explained how the scriptures in the Old Testament testified about him. The two returned to Jerusalem and told the apostles. Jesus appeared to ten of the apostles without Thomas, and later appeared to all eleven of them. Jesus was resurrected from the dead, and His resurrection demonstrates that we can indeed be promised an eternal home in Heaven by receiving Jesus as our Savior!

John 20:31 says that John wrote about the things he did so his readers may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing they may have life in his name. Did John convince you that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. If not, is there anything else he could have said that would convince you?

You probably don't have the personal experience of watching someone come back from the dead. Do you find the Gospel accounts of Jesus' resurrection convincing? What did Jesus tell Thomas about this? (John 20:29)