

## **Events Related to the Trial Execution and Resurrection of Jesus**

What follows is my interpretation of the events and their chronological order as they occurred based on the reading of the 4 Gospels and the Book of Acts. Included also are peripheral observations and statements spoken or written by others.

1. Jesus' body was taken from the cross and placed in a new, never used rich man's tomb. A great stone was rolled in place to cover the opening. It was sealed and guarded lest anyone tried to steal His body. Pilate did not have it sealed. He told the disciples to seal and guard it themselves. (Matthew 27:66, Mark 16:7, John 19:42). The cross bore the inscription "This is Jesus the King of the Jews." The priests objected greatly imploring to Pilate to change the epitaph to Jesus merely said, He was king of the Jews. Pilate remained steadfast to his original statement.
2. Who rolled back the stone? Early in the morning the "Angel of the Lord" descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. (Mark 16:7; Luke 24:2) In verse 28:3 we are told *that "his countenance was like lightning and his raiment white as snow."* Then this "Angel" as He sat on the stone told the women who had come to anoint Him, "*He is not here, (meaning not in the sepulcher) he goeth before you into Galilee, there you shall see Him, lo I have told you.*" (Ch 26:32, Mark 16:7) The great earthquake did not move the stone. Its purpose, along with the darkness and the ripping of the vail was to announce Jesus' coming. (Matthew 28:2) Then Matthew verse 28:3 tells us that His "*...countenance was like lightning, and His raiment was white as snow.*" Notice that they had "wrapped" His body in linen. The women who came with the intent of anointing Him saw these wrappings and how His body was laid. (Luke 23:53). Thus, in the tomb He was not dressed in a white linen robe as many seem to conclude. He was wrapped in swaddling clothes, that is strips of linen (Luke 2:12) Again, who was the one that sat on the stone, the one who rolled back the stone, and then sat on it clothed just as He had been at the transfiguration. It was Jesus! He expressed His identity as fully as He could short of saying "I am Jesus!" Some try to

rationalize that fact away by suggesting that it was an archangel, perhaps Michael. If common sense makes sense why must one peruse nonsense?

When He appeared later in the sealed room apparently from nowhere, as flesh and bones, and then again disappeared, it was a demonstration for the Apostles to learn what had happened earlier at the tomb. As a side note, when Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon, walked where Jesus had walked, considered it to be of far greater value to him than having walked on the moon. Pictures have been taken of the instant that sperm enters the human egg. These reveal that aura of sparks like light surrounds the egg. We learn of a similar aura of sparks encompassing those at Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came to them as fire from heaven.

Concerning the grave clothes which were strips of linen wrapped around Him. After His resurrection, when the apostles saw them on the slab where He had laid, they observed that they had not been unrolled, but saw them just as He was wrapped, but absent the body. This was the evidence that He simply evaporated, or by some other means left the grave clothes as they had put them around Him. Missler sees this to have been the case and I agree.

When Jesus was removed from the cross, Herrod chose to get involved in the His epitaph. He ordered it to be written: "Jesus the King of the Jews" The first letters of each word became an acrostic spelling out WAWAH. This upset the Jews who begged him to write "Jesus said He was the King of the Jews. Herrod however, would not change it, but said, "what I have written I have written." From this and from his wife's influence, I believe that he felt quite sure that this was true. Why then didn't he embrace it unto himself? Because he wasn't a Jew and believed that this God was the God of the Jews only.

Then there is the issue of speaking in tongues. This means speaking accurately in individual languages native to each of the gathered multitude from various cultures. Once that communication had been accomplished, that was the end of the God-given ability. All speaking in tongues today, whether coherent or not, is Satan's, the great and

evil imitators doing. All religions such as the Charismatic that attract people today, and who enter “trances” and actually fall to the ground are all satanic. I attended one of these once and saw such things take place long before I understood the truth. At that time, it didn’t influence me, I just saw it as something weird.

Out of wonder, worship is born. No wonder, no worship. In verse 41 of Acts 22, the Body of Christ increased from 20 to 3000 through one sermon.

Acts 2 verse 17 alludes to the fact that the crucifixion of Jesus was second degree murder, that is manslaughter, not punishable by death. They would have clearly been candidates for one of the cities of refuge.

Adhering to God’s requirement to keep sacred the Jubilee year was very important to God. It was an everlasting unilateral covenant given to Abram. However, it could only be attended to, after they were free from Egypt and had their own land. They honored it for a while then chose to abandon it and to plant every year. After having done this for 70 weeks of years, that is 490 years, God’s patience ended and He claimed from them all that they were supposed to having done by denying them the use of the land for 70 years, that is by enslaving them to the Amorites. Today, they blaspheme the Lord by claiming to honor the jubilee years by not tilling the land, instead each hires a Gentile to do it for them. God will not be mocked. The Great Tribulation will set things straight when 75% of the total Jewish population will be killed.

In Acts 7:53 we see reference to the major climax.

- a. The purposes of all history (Matthew 23:37-39)
- b. The tragedy of all history (Matthew 23:38; ye would not)
- c. The triumph of all history (Matthew Verse 39)

There is a profound difference between believing in Christ and totally trusting in Him with your life. Its faith, totally unlimited faith and trust. One may believe in the adequacy of a chair to

support one's weight, but until one actually sits on the chair has one demonstrated faith in that belief.

The likely order in which Jesus appeared after His resurrection:

1. To Mary Magdalene (John 20:11-18; Mark 16:9-11)
2. To the other women (Matthew 28:9-10)
3. To Peter (Luke 24:34; 1Corinthians 15:5)
4. To the 2 disciples on the road to Emmaus (Mark 16:12; Luke 24:12-332)
5. To the 10 in the upper room (Mark 16:14; John 2:19-25)

Herod declared Jesus innocent 3 times. It was the rich believer Joseph of Arimathea who took Jesus' body and laid Him in his own newly carved out tomb. He wrapped it in linen strips (verse 53). The women who followed him were witnesses to all of this (verse 55). He had no white robe at that time. It was only after His resurrection as He sat of the great stone, was He seen wearing a white robe. Witnessing is not something we do for the Lord. It is something that He does through us, if we are filled with the Holy Spirit.