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Passion Week Series

The Resurrection & Later Appearances

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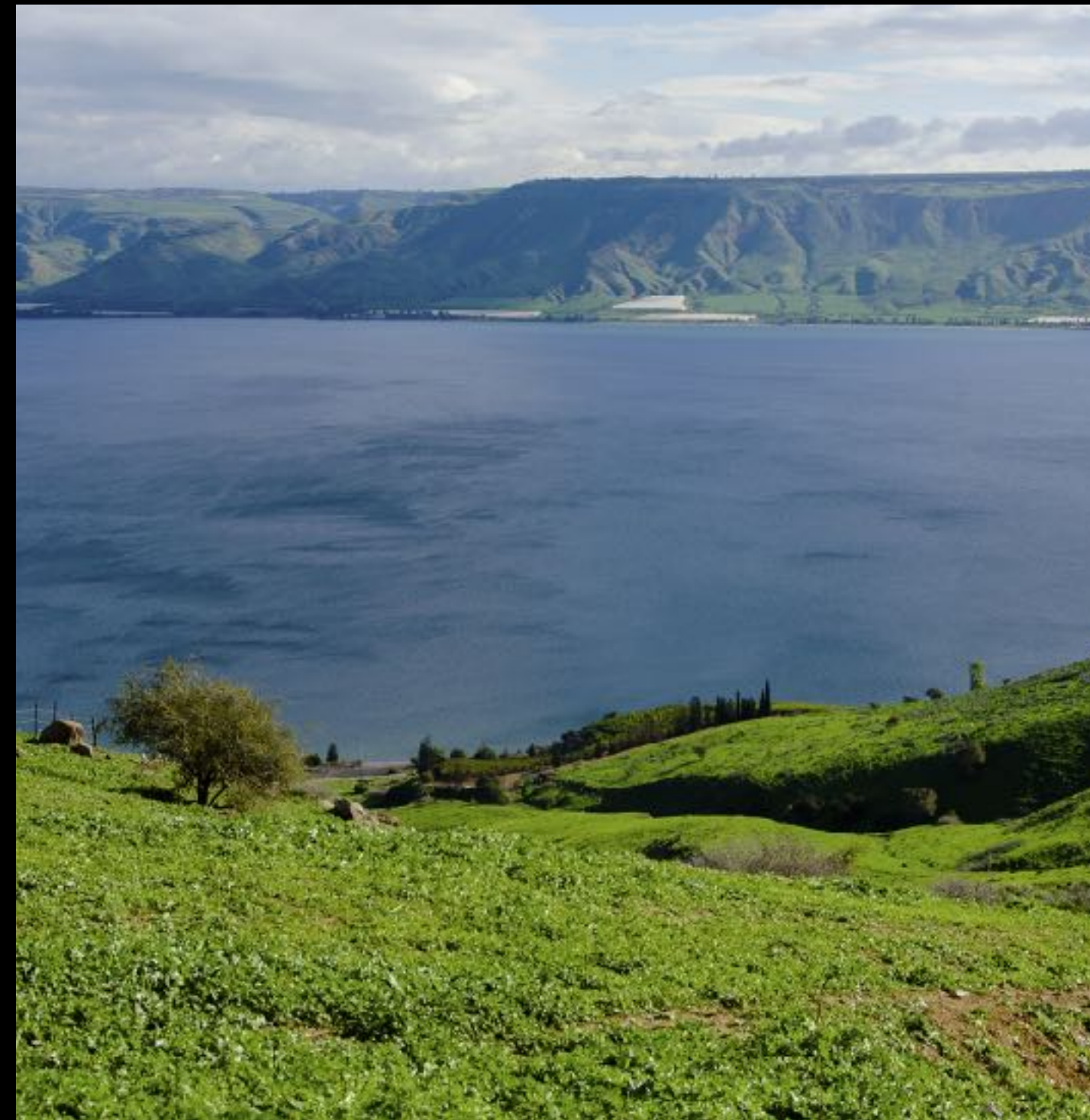
John 20:29

Today's Agenda

Resurrection



Later Appearances



What Does It Mean?



Resurrection

What we have as evidence

- Four Gospels
 - Matthew 28
 - Mark 16
 - Luke 23-24
 - John 20-21
- NT writings: Acts 1, 1 Cor 15:3-8
- Non-biblical writings: Josephus

What we do NOT have as evidence

- A single source that lists the order of events precisely as they occurred
- Written letter from Christ: “How I did it”
- Video

Resurrection

6 Facts

1. Jesus was dead when removed from the cross
2. His body was placed in a particular tomb
3. The tomb was sealed and guarded
4. The tomb was later found to be empty
5. Jesus was later seen alive by people who knew him
6. His resurrected body was the same body as the one which had been put to death

Resurrection

The Event Itself

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.

His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow.

The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

Matthew 28:2-4

Resurrection

Visits to the Tomb



1. Two women - Matt 28:1

- Prior to Resurrection

2. Three women - Mark 16:1

- Following Resurrection, find tomb empty, Mary leaves to alert Peter & John

3. Two women - Matt 28:5, Mark 16:5

- Tomb empty, encounter angels

4. Peter & John - John 20:4

- Find tomb empty, return home

5. Mary Magdalene - John 20:11

- First encounter with Jesus

6. The delegation - Luke 24:24

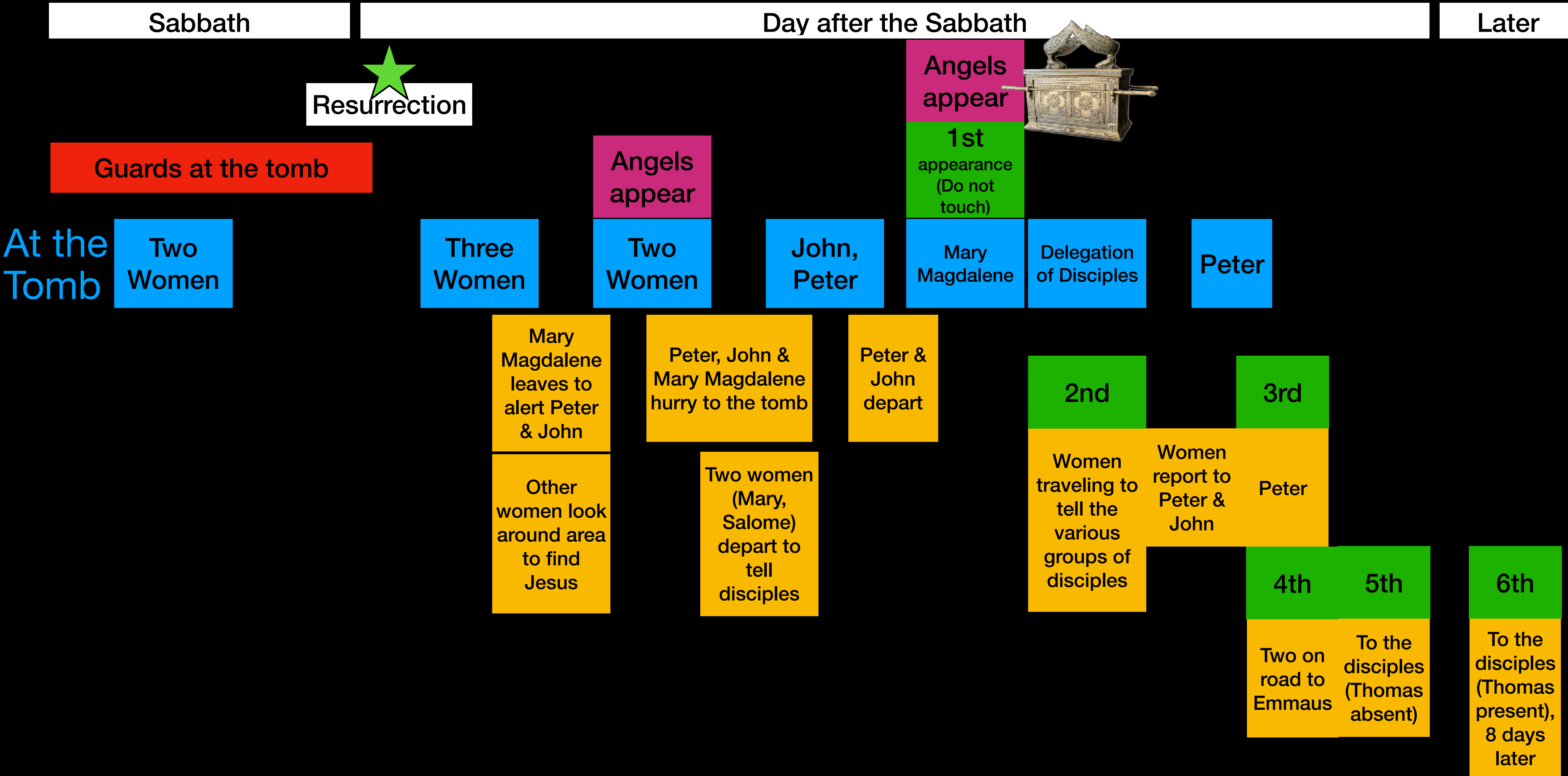
7. Peter returns to tomb - Luke 24:12

Resurrection

6 Initial Appearances

1. To Mary Magdalene
2. To the other women
3. To Peter
4. To the two on the road to Emmaus
5. To the Apostles (without Thomas)
6. To the Apostles (with Thomas)

Resurrection - Notional Timeline of Events



Later Appearances In Galilee & back in Jerusalem

Resurrection

Jesus appears for 40 days

Pentecost



1. 3rd Appearance to the Apostles

- On banks of the Sea of Galilee

2. The Great Commission

- On a mountain in Galilee
- 500 disciples present
 - Matt 28:16-17, 1 Cor 15:6

3. James

4. The Final Commission

- In Jerusalem

5. The Ascension

- Acts 1, Mount of Olives in Jerusalem, just before Pentecost

6. Paul

- Acts 9, On the road to Damascus

What Does It Mean?

The Resurrection & Later Appearances

- Day of confusion, awe
- Angels present
- Jesus appeared to women first
- Disciples stayed in Jerusalem
- Teachers of the Law focused on avoiding body being stolen, staying pure for Sabbath / Passover
- Though told, disciples did not understand
- Reveals intent of imagery (Ex 25:18)
- “The one who seeks finds”
- Not a hoax or plot
- Placed more thought on the ‘optics’... missed the entire intent behind Passover

1st Corinthians 15

The Resurrection is a singular, historic event
—hinted at in the design of the tabernacle,
fulfilled by Christ when he laid down his life.

Christ's rising gives us all hope.
Not hope for a perfect or easy life,
but hope that death can be overcome.