

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.

Gk. blepei - to look

- to glance at something briefly

³Peter and (John) started for the tomb. ⁴Both were running, but John outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent over and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but did not go in.

⁶Then Simon Peter, who was behind John, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head not lying with the linen wrappings but folded up in a place by itself.

Gk. theorei - to theorize; to gaze

- strong emphasis on mental calculation

¹¹Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

⁸Finally John, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead).

Gk. eiden - to perceive; to realize
- to understand

¹⁴Mary turned around and saw (theorei) the Lord standing there, but she did not realize that it was the Lord.

¹⁵“Woman,” Jesus said, “why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?”

Thinking it was the gardener, Mary said, “Sir, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.”

¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

She turned toward him and cried, “Rabboni!” (Teacher!)

... ¹⁸Mary went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told him that he had said these things to her.

Gk. horao

- to perceive;

- to witness & directly experience!

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five-hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, although some have died.

. . . If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith . . . If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

St. Paul – 1 Corinthians 15

