

The Tsunami Blessing Inside and Out, Part 396 Scriptures

This is Section AM of a multi-part instruction. Holy Spirit was first introduced in the book of Genesis as the Third Person of the Godhead, Elohim. Throughout the Old Testament, you can see the empowerment of Holy Spirit demonstrated. This fixes our focus, not on our own power or might, but by the Spirit of the Lord Most High. Holy Spirit fills us to overflowing so we can expect Him to come in like a flood to make miraculous changes in the world through us.

Holy Spirit supervened Mary's womb by impregnating her with Jesus. Our Heavenly Father, Abba anointed Jesus with Holy Spirit and dunamis power. Then Abba accompanied Jesus as He went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed of the devil during His earthly ministry. Jesus baptizing you with Holy Spirit and the fire of God grants you an unfair advantage to fulfill your destiny on earth.

Jesus introduced Holy Spirit as the One to lead God's succession plan on earth after His ascension. Jesus commissioned the Body of Christ to do the same works He performed on earth giving us our invitation to inherit and inhabit His anointing. Jesus also promised the Body of Christ that greater works will even be performed because of the presence and power of Holy Spirit upon us so we are filled with the fullness of God. You are a habitation of God through Holy Spirit where Jesus Christ lives in your heart by faith. That's how the Tsunami Blessing, Inside and Out will become a heaven-born reality.

JESUS COMMANDED US TO RAISE THE DEAD

Matthew 10:8, King James Version

⁸ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

THREE EXAMPLES OF JESUS RAISING THE DEAD WITH THE PRESENCE AND POWER OF GOD THROUGH HOLY SPIRIT

John 11:1-45, Contemporary English Version

The Death of Lazarus

11 ¹⁻² A man by the name of Lazarus was sick in the village of Bethany. He had two sisters, Mary and Martha. This was the same Mary who later poured perfume on the Lord's head and wiped his feet with her hair. ³ The sisters sent a message to the Lord and told him that his good friend Lazarus was sick. ⁴ When Jesus heard this, he said, "His sickness won't end in death. It will bring glory to God and his Son." ⁵ Jesus loved Martha and her sister and brother. ⁶ But he stayed where he was for two more days. ⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "Now we will go back to Judea." ⁸ "Teacher," they said, "the people there want to stone you to death! Why do you want to go back?" ⁹ Jesus answered, "Aren't there twelve hours in each day? If you walk during the day, you will have light from the sun, and you won't stumble. ¹⁰ But if you walk during the night, you will stumble, because you don't have any light." ¹¹ Then he told them, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep, and I am going there to wake him up." ¹² They replied, "Lord, if he is asleep, he will get better." ¹³ Jesus really meant that Lazarus was dead, but they thought he was talking only about sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead! ¹⁵ I am glad I wasn't there, because now you will have a chance to put your faith in me. Let's go to him." ¹⁶ Thomas, whose nickname was "Twin," said to the other disciples, "Come on. Let's go, so we can die with him."

Jesus Brings Lazarus to Life

¹⁷ When Jesus got to Bethany, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Bethany was less than three kilometers from Jerusalem, ¹⁹ and many people had come from the city to comfort Martha and Mary because their brother had died. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus had arrived, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed in the house. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² Yet even now I know that God will do anything you ask." ²³ Jesus told her, "Your brother will live again!" ²⁴ Martha answered, "I know he will be raised

to life on the last day,^[a] when all the dead are raised.”²⁵ Jesus then said, “I am the one who raises the dead to life! Everyone who has faith in me will live, even if they die.”²⁶ And everyone who lives because of faith in me will never really die. Do you believe this?”²⁷ “Yes, Lord!” she replied. “I believe you are the Christ, the Son of God. You are the one we hoped would come into the world.”²⁸ After Martha said this, she went and privately said to her sister Mary, “The Teacher is here, and he wants to see you.”²⁹ As soon as Mary heard this, she got up and went out to Jesus.³⁰ He was still outside the village where Martha had gone to meet him.³¹ Many people had come to comfort Mary, and when they saw her quickly leave the house, they thought she was going out to the tomb to cry. So they followed her.³² Mary went to where Jesus was. Then as soon as she saw him, she knelt at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”³³ When Jesus saw that Mary and the people with her were crying, he was terribly upset³⁴ and asked, “Where have you put his body?” They replied, “Lord, come and you will see.”³⁵ Jesus started crying,³⁶ and the people said, “See how much he loved Lazarus.”³⁷ Some of them said, “He gives sight to the blind. Why couldn't he have kept Lazarus from dying?”³⁸ Jesus was still terribly upset. So he went to the tomb, which was a cave with a stone rolled against the entrance.³⁹ Then he told the people to roll the stone away. But Martha said, “Lord, you know that Lazarus has been dead four days, and there will be a bad smell.”⁴⁰ Jesus replied, “Didn't I tell you that if you had faith, you would see the glory of God?”⁴¹ After the stone had been rolled aside, Jesus looked up toward heaven and prayed, “Father, I thank you for answering my prayer.”⁴² I know that you always answer my prayers. But I said this, so the people here would believe you sent me.”⁴³ When Jesus had finished praying, he shouted, “Lazarus, come out!”⁴⁴ The man who had been dead came out. His hands and feet were wrapped with strips of burial cloth,

and a cloth covered his face. Jesus then told the people, "Untie him and let him go."

The Plot To Kill Jesus

(**Matthew 26.1-5; Mark 14.1,2; Luke 22.1,2**)

⁴⁵ Many of the people who had come to visit Mary saw the things Jesus did, and they put their faith in him.

Footnotes

- a. 11.24 *the last day*: When God will judge all people.

Luke 7:11-17, Contemporary English Version

A Widow's Son

¹¹ Soon Jesus and his disciples were on their way to the town of Nain, and a big crowd was going along with them. ¹² As they came near the gate of the town, they saw people carrying out the body of a widow's only son. Many people from the town were walking along with her. ¹³ When the Lord saw the woman, he felt sorry for her and said, "Don't cry!" ¹⁴ Jesus went over and touched the stretcher on which the people were carrying the dead boy. They stopped, and Jesus said, "Young man, get up!" ¹⁵ The boy sat up and began to speak. Jesus then gave him back to his mother. ¹⁶ Everyone was frightened and praised God. They said, "A great prophet is here with us! God has come to his people." ¹⁷ News about Jesus spread all over Judea and everywhere else in that part of the country.

Luke 8:40-42, Contemporary English Version

A Dying Girl and a Sick Woman

(**Matthew 9.18-26; Mark 5.21-43**)

⁴⁰ Everyone had been waiting for Jesus, and when he came back, a crowd was there to welcome him. ⁴¹ Just then the man in charge of the synagogue

came and knelt down in front of Jesus. His name was Jairus, and he begged Jesus to come to his home ⁴² because his twelve-year-old child was dying. She was his only daughter. While Jesus was on his way, people were crowding all around him.

Luke 8:49-56, Contemporary English Version

⁴⁹ While Jesus was speaking, someone came from Jairus' home and said, "Your daughter has died! Why bother the teacher anymore?" ⁵⁰ When Jesus heard this, he told Jairus, "Don't worry! Have faith, and your daughter will get well." ⁵¹ Jesus went into the house, but he did not let anyone else go with him, except Peter, John, James, and the girl's father and mother. ⁵² Everyone was crying and weeping for the girl. But Jesus said, "The child isn't dead. She is just asleep." ⁵³ The people laughed at him because they knew she was dead. ⁵⁴ Jesus took hold of the girl's hand and said, "Child, get up!" ⁵⁵ She came back to life and got right up. Jesus told them to give her something to eat. ⁵⁶ Her parents were surprised, but Jesus ordered them not to tell anyone what had happened.

Mark 16, Contemporary English Version

Jesus Is Alive

(Matthew 28.1-8; Luke 24.1-12; John 20.1-10)

16 After the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene, Salome, and Mary the mother of James bought some spices to put on Jesus' body. ² Very early on Sunday morning, just as the sun was coming up, they went to the tomb. ³ On their way, they were asking one another, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance for us?" ⁴ But when they looked, they saw that the stone had already been rolled away. And it was a huge stone! ⁵ The women went into the tomb, and on the right side they saw a young man in a white robe sitting there. They were alarmed. ⁶ The man said, "Don't be alarmed! You are looking for Jesus from Nazareth, who was nailed to a cross. God has raised

him to life, and he isn't here. You can see the place where they put his body. ⁷ Now go and tell his disciples, and especially Peter, that he will go ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you.” ⁸ When the women ran from the tomb, they were confused and shaking all over. They were too afraid to tell anyone what had happened. ONE OLD ENDING TO MARK'S GOSPEL^[a]

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

(Matthew 28.9,10; John 20.11-18)

⁹ Very early on the first day of the week, after Jesus had risen to life, he appeared to Mary Magdalene. Earlier he had forced seven demons out of her. ¹⁰ She left and told his friends, who were crying and mourning. ¹¹ Even though they heard that Jesus was alive and that Mary had seen him, they still would not believe it.

ANOTHER OLD ENDING TO MARK'S GOSPEL^[c] ⁹⁻¹⁰ The women quickly told Peter and his friends what had happened. Later, Jesus sent the disciples to the east and to the west with his sacred and everlasting message of how people can be saved forever.

Footnotes

- a. 16.9 *One Old Ending to Mark's Gospel*: Verses 9-20 are not in some manuscripts.
- b. 16.19 *right side*: See the note at 12.36.
- c. 16.9,10 *Another Old Ending to Mark's Gospel*: Some manuscripts and early translations have both this shorter ending and the longer one (verses 9-20).

Jesus Appears to Two Disciples

(Luke 24.13-35)

¹² Later, Jesus appeared in another form to two disciples, as they were on their way out of the city. ¹³ But when these disciples told what had happened, the others would not believe either.

What Jesus' Followers Must Do

(Matthew 28.16-20; Luke 24.36-49; John 20.19-23; Acts 1.6-8)

¹⁴ Afterwards, Jesus appeared to his eleven disciples as they were eating. He scolded them because they were too stubborn to believe the ones who had seen him after he had been raised to life. ¹⁵ Then he told them: Go and preach the good news to everyone in the world. ¹⁶ Anyone who believes me and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe me will be condemned. ¹⁷ Everyone who believes me will be able to do wonderful things. By using my name they will force out demons, and they will speak new languages. ¹⁸ They will handle snakes and will drink poison and not be hurt. They will also heal sick people by placing their hands on them.

Jesus Returns to Heaven

(Luke 24.50-53; Acts 1.9-11)

¹⁹ After the Lord Jesus had said these things to the disciples, he was taken back up to heaven where he sat down at the right side^[b] of God. ²⁰ Then the disciples left and preached everywhere. The Lord was with them, and the miracles they worked proved that their message was true.

REMOVE EVERY THOUGHT OF DEATH AS PERMANENT, THE DEAD WILL LIVE AGAIN

Prayer points have been outlined below to help the believer engage so as to call forth the dead out of the grave and bring them back to life.

45 Prayers To Bring Back The Dead

¹Father, I thank you for the gift of life and for your love and care over these years, in the name of Jesus. ²Father, I thank you for upholding my life and giving it meaning to know and worship you, in the name of Jesus. ³Father, I thank you for your protection and guidance over my life and for keeping me

safe from the hands and eyes of the evil ones, in the name of Jesus. ⁴Father. I confess my sins before you today and repent of them, asking that you forgive and have mercy on me by your abundant mercy, in the name of Jesus. ⁵Father, by the blood of Jesus, wash and cleanse me from every iniquity that has beset me and make me whole and fit for your presence, in the name of Jesus, ⁶Father, I come to you today and I ask that you hear my voice as I call upon you and empower me for your work today and beyond, in the name of Jesus. ⁷Father, as you sent your son Jesus into this world to heal and raise the dead, empower me today to also heal and raise the dead, in the name of Jesus. ⁸Father, I command every spirit of fear and doubt around me and in me to be cast out now and fill me with the spirit of boldness and faith to bring back the dead, in the name of Jesus. ⁹Father, By your power endued upon me, I stand upon that power and I decree that you come back to life, in the name of Jesus. **Matt 10:7-8.** ¹⁰Father, you are the Lord of all powers, I ask that you open up the grave of this dead man and bring him out of the grave and back to life, in the name of Jesus. **Ezek 37:13.** ¹¹Father, because the spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in this dead man, let that spirit quicken his mortal body and bring him back to life, in the name of Jesus. **Rom 8:11.** ¹²Father, Jesus is the resurrection and the life and he who believes in him, though he dies shall yet live, I therefore declare that this man believes in you and decree that he be raised back to life, in the name of Jesus. **John 11:25.** ¹³Father, by your word, I hold the arms of this dead man as the apostle Paul did, and I decree that his life be returned to him and let him come back to life, in the name of Jesus. **Acts 20:7-12.** ¹⁴Father, I stand upon the authority of your word and I command every power of darkness holding the life of this dead person to release him and let him come back to life, in the name of Jesus. ¹⁵Father, you are the breath of life, I ask that you breathe into this man the breath of life and cause him to live again, in the name of Jesus. ¹⁶Father, by the words of

Jesus, I command the dead to arise and come back to life, in the mighty name of Jesus. **Luke 7:11-17.** ¹⁷Father, I ask that by your power and word to raise and quicken the dead at your will, quicken and bring this dead body back to life by your will, in the name of Jesus. **John 5:21.** ¹⁸Father, by authority, I command the cold hands of death to get off this man and bring him back to life, as it is impossible for your children to be held by it, in the name of Jesus. **Acts 2:24.** ¹⁹Father, by your word of command, I command that the spirit of death loses its pangs over the life of this man and let him be free from death and brought back to life, in the name of Jesus. **Acts 2:24.** ²⁰Father, by your word and mighty hand, let the dead rise back to life and live again in joy and glory, in the mighty name of Jesus. **Isaiah 26:19.** ²¹Father, judge every gods of the land that is holding unto the life of this man and let his life return to him and he lives again to your glory, in the mighty name of Jesus. **Exodus 12:13.** ²²Father, let the blood of Jesus that was shed for the life of man be the token for his life and bring him back to life, in the name of Jesus. **Exodus 12:14.** ²³Father, by the blood of the eternal covenant, brings this man out of the pit of death and brings him back to a life of glory and exploitation, in the name of Jesus. **Zechariah 9:11.** ²⁴Father, I turn this dead man to you the stronghold of life and I ask that he be brought back to life from the dead, in the mighty name of Jesus. **Zechariah 9:12.** ²⁵Father, by your breath of life in me, I breathe life back into this man and bring him back to life to the glory of your name, in the name of Jesus. **Genesis 2:7.** ²⁶Father, you have the breath of life in your nostrils, breathe life into this dead body and bring him back to life, in the name of Jesus. **Genesis 2:7.** ²⁷Father, because my redeemer was dead and lives again, I ask that this dead man be raised back to life to the power and glory of your name, in the mighty name of Jesus. **Job 19:25.** ²⁸Father, the life of the flesh is in the blood, therefore infuse the blood of Jesus into this dead body and let him be raised back to life, in the mighty name of Jesus.

Leviticus 11:17. ²⁹Father, you raised Jesus from the dead and brought him back to life, revalidate the power of the resurrection in the life of this dead man and bring him back to life to your glory, in the name of Jesus. ³⁰Father, by your authority in me, every strongman or woman standing at the gate not to allow this man to return back to life, I command you to be roasted by the fire from heaven, in the mighty name of Jesus. ³¹Father, by your word, I command every gate of hell to lift up its head and release this dead to return back to life, in the name of Jesus. **Psalm 24:7.** ³²Father, command the gates of hell to lift up its head and bring back the life of the dead in their possession to the glory of your name, in the mighty name of Jesus. ³³Father, all souls and life are yours, do not let the gates of death prevail over the life of your children by taking them down to hades, quicken them and bring them back to life, in the name of Jesus. ³⁴Father, Jesus has the keys of hell and death, therefore let that key speak for the dead today and use it to raise back the dead back to life, in the name of Jesus. **Revelations 1:18.** ³⁵Father, I ask that your son Jesus should use the key of death in favor of the dead, release them from hades and bring them back to life, in the name of Jesus. ³⁶Father, you have the gift of eternal life, give this gift to this dead body and let him jack back to life, in the name of Jesus. ³⁷Father, I receive the power to lay to hands on the dead, and as I lay hand on this dead body, let life be restored back to him, in the name of Jesus. ³⁸Father, as you commanded Ezekiel, I breathe life into the dead and they are brought back to life to the glory of your name, in the name of Jesus. ³⁹Father, by the resurrection power, raise back the dead to life and give him a life of glory and honor, in the name of Jesus. ⁴⁰Father, by your word, I overcome the spirit of death with the blood of eternal life and I bring this man back to life, in the name of Jesus. ⁴¹Father, the blood is the ransom for our lives, therefore the dead is brought back to life now because the ransom has been paid completely, in the name of Jesus. ⁴²Father, I use the blood of the lamb

as a buy back for the life of the dead and bring him back to life, in the name of Jesus. ⁴³Father, by your word, I lift up the gates of hades by the power in the blood and release the life of the dead and return him back to life, in the mighty name of Jesus. ⁴⁴Father, because Jesus is holding the key of death in his hands, Jesus releases a word of command over the life of this dead body and brings him back to life, in the name of Jesus. ⁴⁵Father, I thank you for answering my prayers and bring back the dead to life to the glory of your Holy Name, in the mighty name of Jesus.

LUKE, MATTHEW, AND JOHN'S ACCOUNT OF JESUS' RESURRECTION

Luke 24, Contemporary English Version

Jesus Is Alive

(Matthew 28.1-10; Mark 16.1-8; John 20.1-10)

24 Very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, carrying the spices they had prepared. ² When they found the stone rolled away from the entrance, ³ they went in. But they did not find the body of the Lord^[a] Jesus, ⁴ and they did not know what to think. Suddenly two men in shining white clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were afraid and bowed to the ground. But the men said, "Why are you looking in the place of the dead for someone who is alive? ⁶ Jesus isn't here! He has been raised from death. Remember that while he was still in Galilee, he told you, ⁷ 'The Son of Man will be handed over to sinners who will nail him to a cross. But three days later he will rise to life.' " ⁸ Then they remembered what Jesus had said. ⁹ ¹⁰ Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and some other women were the ones who had gone to the tomb. When they returned, they told the eleven apostles and the others what had happened. ¹¹ The apostles thought it was all nonsense, and they would not believe. ¹² But Peter ran to the tomb. And when he stooped down and looked in, he saw only the burial clothes. Then he returned, wondering what had happened.^[b]

Jesus Appears to Two Disciples

(Mark 16.12,13)

¹³ That same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to the village of Emmaus, which was about eleven kilometers from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ As they were talking and thinking about what had happened, ¹⁵ Jesus came near and started walking along beside them. ¹⁶ But they did not know who he was. ¹⁷ Jesus asked them, "What were you talking about as you walked along?" The two of them stood there looking sad and gloomy. ¹⁸ Then the one named Cleopas asked Jesus, "Are you the only person from Jerusalem who didn't know what was happening there these last few days?" ¹⁹ "What do you mean?" Jesus asked. They answered: Those things that happened to Jesus from Nazareth. By what he did and said he showed that he was a powerful prophet, who pleased God and all the people. ²⁰ Then the chief priests and our leaders had him arrested and sentenced to die on a cross. ²¹ We had hoped that he would be the one to set Israel free! But it has already been three days since all this happened. ²² Some women in our group surprised us. They had gone to the tomb early in the morning, ²³ but did not find the body of Jesus. They came back, saying they had seen a vision of angels who told them that he is alive. ²⁴ Some men from our group went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said. But they didn't see Jesus either. ²⁵ Then Jesus asked the two disciples, "Why can't you understand? How can you be so slow to believe all that the prophets said? ²⁶ Didn't you know that the Messiah would have to suffer before he was given his glory?" ²⁷ Jesus then explained everything written about himself in the Scriptures, beginning with the Law of Moses and the Books of the Prophets. ^[c] ²⁸ When the two of them came near the village where they were going, Jesus seemed to be going farther. ²⁹ They begged him, "Stay with us! It's already late, and the sun is going down." So Jesus went into the house to stay with them. ³⁰ After Jesus sat down to eat, he took some bread. He blessed it and broke it. Then he gave it to them. ³¹ At once they knew who he was, but he disappeared.

³² They said to each other, "When he talked with us along the road and explained the Scriptures to us, didn't it warm our hearts?" ³³ So they got up and returned to Jerusalem. The two disciples found the eleven apostles and the others gathered together. ³⁴ And they learned from the group that the Lord was really alive and had appeared to Peter. ³⁵ Then the disciples from Emmaus told what happened on the road and how they knew he was the Lord when he broke the bread.

What Jesus' Followers Must Do

(Matthew 28.16-20; Mark 16.14-18; John 20.19-23; Acts 1.6-8)

³⁶ While Jesus' disciples were talking about what had happened, Jesus appeared and greeted them. ³⁷ They were frightened and terrified because they thought they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ But Jesus said, "Why are you so frightened? Why do you doubt?" ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet and see who I am! Touch me and find out for yourselves. Ghosts don't have flesh and bones as you see I have." ⁴⁰ After Jesus said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ The disciples were so glad and amazed that they could not believe it. Jesus then asked them, "Do you have something to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish. ⁴³ He took it and ate it as they watched. ⁴⁴ Jesus said to them, "While I was still with you, I told you that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the Books of the Prophets, and in the Psalms^[d] had to happen." ⁴⁵ Then he helped them understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them: The Scriptures say that the Messiah must suffer, then three days later he will rise from death. ⁴⁷ They also say that all people of every nation must be told in my name to turn to God, in order to be forgiven. So beginning in Jerusalem, ⁴⁸ you must tell everything that has happened. ⁴⁹ I will send you the one my Father has promised,^[e] but you must stay in the city until you are given power from heaven.

Jesus Returns to Heaven

(**Mark 16.19,20; Acts 1.9-11**)

⁵⁰ Jesus led his disciples out to Bethany, where he raised his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ As he was doing this, he left and was taken up to heaven.^[f] ⁵² After his disciples had worshiped him,^[g] they returned to Jerusalem and were very happy. ⁵³ They spent their time in the temple, praising God.

Footnotes

- a. 24.3 *the Lord*: These words are not in some manuscripts.
- b. 24.12 *But Peter ... happened*: Verse 12 is not in some manuscripts.
- c. 24.27 *the Law of Moses and the Books of the Prophets*: See the note at 16.16.
- d. 24.44 *Psalms*: The Jewish Scriptures were made up of three parts: (1) the Law of Moses, (2) the Books of the Prophets, (3) and the Writings, which included the Psalms. Sometimes the Scriptures were just called the Law or the Law (of Moses) and the Books of the Prophets.
- e. 24.49 *the one my Father has promised*: Jesus means the Holy Spirit.
- f. 24.51 *and was taken up to heaven*: These words are not in some manuscripts.
- g. 24.52 *After his disciples had worshiped him*: These words are not in some manuscripts.

Matthew 28, Contemporary English Version

Jesus Is Alive

(**Mark 16.1-8; Luke 24.1-12; John 20.1-10**)

28 The Sabbath was over, and it was almost daybreak on Sunday when Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² Suddenly a strong earthquake struck, and the Lord's angel came down from heaven. He rolled away the stone and sat on it. ³ The angel looked as bright as lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards shook from fear and fell down, as though they were dead. ⁵ The angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid! I know you are looking for Jesus, who was nailed to a cross. ⁶ He isn't here! God has raised him to life, just as Jesus said he would. Come, see the

place where his body was lying. ⁷ Now hurry! Tell his disciples he has been raised to life and is on his way to Galilee. Go there, and you will see him. This is what I came to tell you.” ⁸ The women were frightened and yet very happy, as they hurried from the tomb and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and greeted them. They went near him, held on to his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said, “Don't be afraid! Tell my followers to go to Galilee. They will see me there.”

Report of the Guard

¹¹ While the women were on their way, some soldiers who had been guarding the tomb went into the city. They told the chief priests everything that had happened. ¹² So the chief priests met with the leaders and decided to bribe the soldiers with a lot of money. ¹³ They said to the soldiers, “Tell everyone that Jesus' disciples came during the night and stole his body while you were asleep. ¹⁴ If the governor^[a] hears about this, we will talk to him. You won't have anything to worry about.” ¹⁵ The soldiers took the money and did what they were told. The people of Judea still tell each other this story.

What Jesus' Followers Must Do

([Mark 16.14-18](#); [Luke 24.36-49](#); [John 20.19-23](#); [Acts 1.6-8](#))

¹⁶ Jesus' eleven disciples went to a mountain in Galilee, where Jesus had told them to meet him. ¹⁷ They saw him and worshiped him, but some of them doubted. ¹⁸ Jesus came to them and said: I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth! ¹⁹ Go to the people of all nations and make them my disciples. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teach them to do everything I have told you. I will be with you always, even until the end of the world.

Footnotes

- a. 28.14 *governor*: Pontius Pilate.

John 20-21, Contemporary English Version

Jesus Is Alive

(Matthew 28.1-10; Mark 16.1-8; Luke 24.1-12)

20 On Sunday morning while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. ² She ran to Simon Peter and to Jesus' favorite disciple and said, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb! We don't know where they have put him." ³ Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ They ran side by side, until the other disciple ran faster than Peter and got there first. ⁵ He bent over and saw the strips of linen cloth lying inside the tomb, but he did not go in. ⁶ When Simon Peter got there, he went into the tomb and saw the strips of cloth. ⁷ He also saw the piece of cloth that had been used to cover Jesus' face. It was rolled up and in a place by itself. ⁸ The disciple who got there first then went into the tomb, and when he saw it, he believed. ⁹ At that time Peter and the other disciple did not know that the Scriptures said Jesus would rise to life. ¹⁰ So the two of them went back to the other disciples.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

(Mark 16.9-11)

¹¹ Mary Magdalene stood crying outside the tomb. She was still weeping, when she stooped down ¹² and saw two angels inside. They were dressed in white and were sitting where Jesus' body had been. One was at the head and the other was at the foot. ¹³ The angels asked Mary, "Why are you crying?" She answered, "They have taken away my Lord's body! I don't know where they have put him." ¹⁴ As soon as Mary said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there. But she did not know who he was. ¹⁵ Jesus asked her, "Why are you crying? Who are you looking for?"

She thought he was the gardener and said, "Sir, if you have taken his body away, please tell me, so I can go and get him." ¹⁶ Then Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him, "Rabboni." The Aramaic word "Rabboni" means "Teacher." ¹⁷ Jesus told her, "Don't hold on to me! I have not yet gone to the Father. But tell my disciples I am going to the one who is my Father and my God, as well as your Father and your God." ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene then went and told the disciples she had seen the Lord. She also told them what he had said to her.

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

(Matthew 28.16-20; Mark 16.14-18; Luke 24.36-49)

¹⁹ The disciples were afraid of the Jewish leaders, and on the evening of that same Sunday they locked themselves in a room. Suddenly, Jesus appeared in the middle of the group. He greeted them ²⁰ and showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they became very happy.

²¹ After Jesus had greeted them again, he said, "I am sending you, just as the Father has sent me." ²² Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, they will be forgiven. But if you don't forgive their sins, they will not be forgiven."

Jesus and Thomas

²⁴ Although Thomas the Twin was one of the twelve disciples, he wasn't with the others when Jesus appeared to them. ²⁵ So they told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But Thomas said, "First, I must see the nail scars in his hands and touch them with my finger. I must put my hand where the spear went into his side. I won't believe unless I do this!" ²⁶ A week later the disciples were together again. This time, Thomas was with them. Jesus came in while the doors were still locked and stood in the middle of the group. He greeted his disciples ²⁷ and said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at my hands! Put your hand into my side. Stop doubting and have faith!"

²⁸ Thomas replied, "You are my Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said, "Thomas, do you have faith because you have seen me? The people who have faith in me without seeing me are the ones who are really blessed!"

Why John Wrote His Book

³⁰ Jesus worked many other miracles^[a] for his disciples, and not all of them are written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you will put your faith in Jesus as the Messiah and the Son of God. If you have faith in^[b] him, you will have true life.

Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples

21 Jesus later appeared to his disciples along the shore of Lake Tiberias.

² Simon Peter, Thomas the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, and the brothers James and John,^[c] were there, together with two other disciples.

³ Simon Peter said, "I'm going fishing!" The others said, "We will go with you." They went out in their boat. But they didn't catch a thing that night.

⁴ Early the next morning Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize who he was. ⁵ Jesus shouted, "Friends, have you caught anything?"

"No!" they answered. ⁶ So he told them, "Let your net down on the right side of your boat, and you will catch some fish." They did, and the net was so full of fish that they could not drag it up into the boat. ⁷ Jesus' favorite disciple told Peter, "It's the Lord!" When Simon heard it was the Lord, he put on the clothes he had taken off while he was working. Then he jumped into the water. ⁸ The boat was only about 100 meters from shore. So the other disciples stayed in the boat and dragged in the net full of fish. ⁹ When the disciples got out of the boat, they saw some bread and a charcoal fire with fish on it. ¹⁰ Jesus told his disciples, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." ¹¹ Simon Peter got back into the boat and dragged the net to shore. In it were 153 large fish, but still the net did not rip. ¹² Jesus said, "Come

and eat!" But none of the disciples dared ask who he was. They knew he was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus took the bread in his hands and gave some of it to his disciples. He did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from death.

Jesus and Peter

¹⁵ When Jesus and his disciples had finished eating, he asked, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than the others do?"^[d] Simon Peter answered, "Yes, Lord, you know I do!" "Then feed my lambs," Jesus said. ¹⁶ Jesus asked a second time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter answered, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you!" "Then take care of my sheep," Jesus told him. ¹⁷ Jesus asked a third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus had asked him three times if he loved him. So he told Jesus, "Lord, you know everything. You know I love you." Jesus replied, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ I tell you for certain that when you were a young man, you dressed yourself and went wherever you wanted to go. But when you are old, you will hold out your hands. Then others will wrap your belt around you and lead you where you don't want to go." ¹⁹ Jesus said this to tell how Peter would die and bring honor to God. Then he said to Peter, "Follow me!"

Jesus and His Favorite Disciple

²⁰ Peter turned and saw Jesus' favorite disciple following them. He was the same one who had sat next to Jesus at the meal and had asked, "Lord, who is going to betray you?" ²¹ When Peter saw this disciple, he asked Jesus, "Lord, what about him?" ²² Jesus answered, "What is it to you, if I want him to live until I return? You must follow me." ²³ So the rumor spread among the other disciples that this disciple would not die. But Jesus did not say he would not die. He simply said, "What is it to you, if I want him to live until I

return?" ²⁴ This disciple is the one who told all of this. He wrote it, and we know he is telling the truth. ²⁵ Jesus did many other things. If they were all written in books, I don't suppose there would be room enough in the whole world for all the books.

Footnotes

- a. 20.30 *miracles*: See the note at 2.11.
- b. 20.31 *put your faith in ... have faith in*: Some manuscripts have "keep on having faith in ... keep on having faith in."
- c. 21.2 *the brothers James and John*: Greek "the two sons of Zebedee."
- d. 21.15 *more than the others do*: Or "more than you love these things?"