

Sermon Notes

A Three-Day Story

Good Friday - The Death of Jesus - Mark 15:33-34, 37 - ³⁴ At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
³⁷ Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

The Women - Mark 15:40-41 - ⁴⁰ There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were **Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome.** ⁴¹ These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

The Burial of Jesus - Mark 15:43, 45-47 - ⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁵ When Pilate learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶ Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.

⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

The Miracle of Saturday

Easter Sunday - The Empty Tomb - Mark 16:1-8 - ¹ When the sabbath was over, **Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome** bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. **He has risen! He is not here.** Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

April Fools Day - I Corinthians 1:18 - ¹⁸ For the message about the cross is **foolishness** to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Mary Magdalene - Mark 16:9-11 - ⁹ Now after he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to **Mary Magdalene**, from whom he had cast out seven demons. ¹⁰ She went out and told those who had been with him, while they were mourning and weeping. ¹¹ But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, **they would not believe it.**

The Walk to Emmaus - Mark 16:12-13 - ¹² After this he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. ¹³ And they went back and told the rest, but **they did not believe them.**

Go! - Mark 16:14-16 - ¹⁴ Later he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were sitting at the table; and he upbraided them for their **lack of faith and stubbornness, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen.** ¹⁵ And he said to them, "**Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.** ¹⁶ **The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned.**"

The Rest of the Story - Mark 16:19-20 - ¹⁹ So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. ²⁰ **And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it.**

The resurrection means that the worst thing is never the last thing.

Things I would like to remember from today's sermon: _____

