

# The Resurrection from Mark 16

## Women's version

CHARACTERS: Martha, Salome, Mary Magdalene, Jesus, angel

SETTING: Jerusalem, after Jesus resurrection

RUN TIME: 4 minutes.

*Before you begin: At first no one believed the women. How would that affect the way they tell of the resurrection to Martha, who saw her brother raised from the dead? How would that be different than how they'd tell it to another woman? Would Martha believe them?*

MARTHA: What has happened?

SALOME: Martha, it is almost unbelievable!

MARY MAGDALENE: When the Sabbath was over, Mary the mother of James, Salome and I bought spices so that we might go to anoint Jesus' body.

SALOME: Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, we were on our way to the tomb

MARY MAGDALENE: We asked each other who would roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb.

SALOME: But when we looked up, we saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.

MARY MAGDALENE: As we entered the tomb, we saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side

SALOME: W we were alarmed.

MARY MAGDALENE: But the angel said

ANGEL: Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where we laid him.

SALOME: We looked. There was no body!

MARY MAGDALENE: The angel told us to tell his disciples and Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of us into *Galilee*.

SALOME: The angel promised that we would see him.

MARY MAGDALENE: Just as he told us.

SALOME: We were trembling.

MARY MAGDALENE: And bewildered. We went out and fled from the tomb.

SALOME: We said nothing to anyone, because we were afraid.

MARTHA: How could you keep such good news to yourself?

MARY MAGDALENE: Finally I told those who had been with him.

SALOME: They were mourning and weeping.

MARY MAGDALENE: When they heard that Jesus was alive and that I had seen him, they did not believe it.

SALOME: Afterward Jesus appeared in a different form to two of them while they were walking in the country.

MARY MAGDALENE: These returned and reported it to the rest; but they did not believe them either.

SALOME: But Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating.

MARY MAGDALENE: He rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen.

SALOME: This is what he said.

JESUS: Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

MARY MAGDALENE: He said these signs will accompany those who believe: In his name we will drive out demons; we will speak in new tongues.

SALOME: We will pick up snakes with our hands; and when we drink deadly poison, it will not hurt us at all.

MARY MAGDALENE: His disciples will place hands on sick people, and they will get well.

SALOME: After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God.

MARTHA: The disciples will go out and preach everywhere.

MARY MAGDALENE: The Lord will work with us

SALOME: And confirm his word by the signs that accompanied it.