

“The Easter Story”

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THE COMPLETE STORY OF A MAN NAMED JESUS

*The Four Gospel Writers, Matthew, Mark, Luke
and John, Come Together to Tell One Story, in
Full Color*

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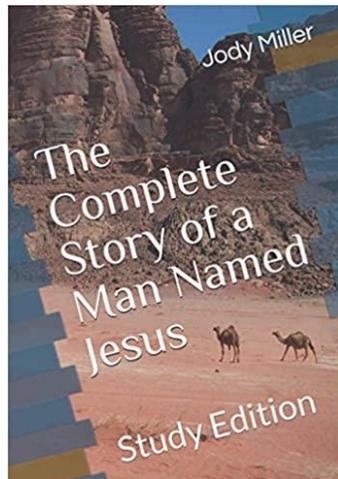
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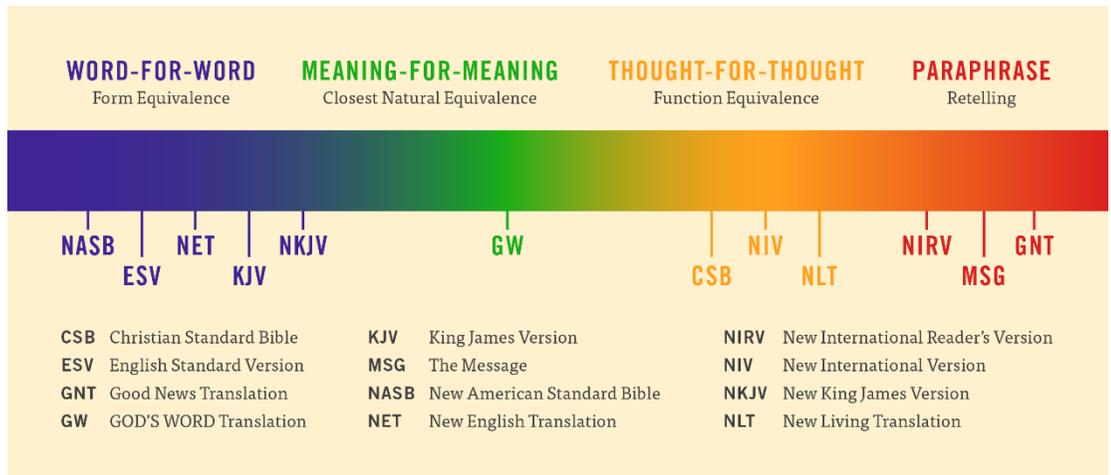
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HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

This book has some unique features. Take this example:

Mt	Mk	Lk	Jn	
				Chapter 19: The Baptism of Jesus
				<i>from Matthew 3:13, Mark 1:9, Luke 3:21</i>
13	9			It came to pass in those days,
		21a		when all the people were baptized,
				that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was
13b	9b	21b		baptized by John in the Jordan.
				And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be
14				baptized by You, and are You coming to me?"

The four columns on the left represent the four gospels and their narrators. Picture Matthew, Mark, Luke and John all sitting with us around a table, all telling the story of Jesus. In this example Matthew, Mark and Luke all wrote about Jesus' baptism; John did not. (John chimes in after Jesus was baptized). Now notice the verse numbers. Matthew's account can be found in the book of Matthew, starting in chapter 3, verse 13. Mark's account is in chapter 1, verse 9. Get it? If there is no verse reference, then that writer made no mention of this exact piece of information, (which does not imply it didn't happen, only that they did not mention it).

The large section of text to the right is the story from the Bible. In our example the first line is green to indicate Mark is speaking. As he is speaking, "It came to pass in those days," Luke adds, "when all the people were baptized." This is in blue to let you know that Luke provided this information. "That Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan." is narrated by Mark, but a quick glance to the left shows that the same or very similar information was also written by Matthew and Luke in their Gospels. Now Matthew adds, "And John tried to prevent Him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?'" The yellow text tells you Matthew is speaking, and a glance to the left shows you that this material is unique to Matthew's gospel story.

The result is a single account providing **ALL** the information in all four gospels, and in **chronological order**, as the events occurred. As you are reading and notice the color of the Bible column change, imagine this as one narrator pausing and another picking up the story.

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This is an excerpt from: *The Complete Story of a man Named Jesus*

Part 19: Jesus' Death and Burial

Chapter 285: The Crucifixion

From Matthew 27:32, Mark 15:21, Luke 23:26, John 19:17

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	21b		
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		27	
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		31	
		32	
33	22	33a	17b
34	23		
35	24a	33b	18a
		34a	
	25b		
38	27	33c	18b
	28		

He carried his own cross and went out of the city.

On the way they found a man named Simon. He was from the city of Cyrene and

was coming into Jerusalem from his home in the country. He was the father of Alexander and Rufus. As he was about to pass by,

the soldiers forced him to carry Jesus' cross.

A large crowd followed Jesus. The women in the crowd cried and sang funeral songs for him.

Jesus turned to them and said, "You women of Jerusalem, don't cry for me! Rather, cry for yourselves and your children! The time is coming when people will say, 'Blessed are the women who couldn't get pregnant, who couldn't give birth, and who couldn't nurse a child.'

Then people will say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us!'

If people do this to a green tree, what will happen to a dry one?"

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be executed with him.

They took Jesus to Golgotha (which means "the place of the skull").

They gave him a drink of wine mixed with a drug called gall.

When he tasted it, he refused to drink it.

Then they crucified him.

Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them. They don't know what they're doing."

It was nine in the morning when they crucified him.

They crucified two criminals with him, one on his right and the other on his left.

And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And He was numbered with transgressors." (NASB)

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			22
35b	24b	34b	23
			23b
35b	24b	34b	24a
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41	31		
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Pilate wrote a notice and put it on the cross. The notice read, "Jesus from Nazareth, the king of the Jews."

Many Jews read this notice, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city. The notice was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek.

The chief priests of the Jewish people told Pilate, "Don't write, 'The king of the Jews!' Instead, write, 'He said that he is the king of the Jews.'"

Pilate replied, "I have written what I've written."

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them four ways so that each soldier could have a share.

His robe was left over. It didn't have a seam because it had been woven in one piece from top to bottom.

The soldiers said to each other, "Let's not rip it apart. Let's throw dice to see who will get it."

In this way the Scripture came true: *"They divided my clothes among themselves. They threw dice for my clothing."* So that's what the soldiers did.

Then they sat there and kept watch over him.

The people stood there watching. But the rulers were making sarcastic remarks. They said, "He saved others. If he's the Messiah that God has chosen, let him save himself!"

Those who passed by insulted him. They shook their heads and said, "You were going to tear down God's temple and build it again in three days. Save yourself! If you're the Son of God, come down from the cross."

The chief priests and the scribes made fun of him among themselves in the same way. They said, "He saved others, but he can't save himself.

Let the Messiah, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now so that we may see and believe.

Let him come down from the cross now, and we'll believe him. He trusted God. Let God rescue him now if he wants. After all, this man said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

The soldiers also made fun of him. They would go up to him, offer him some vinegar, and say, "If you're the king of the Jews, save yourself!"

Even the criminals crucified with him were insulting him the same way.

One of the criminals hanging there insulted Jesus by saying, "So you're really the Messiah, are you? Well, save yourself and us!"

40	But the other criminal scolded him: "Don't you fear God at all? Can't you see that you're condemned in the same way that he is?"
41	Our punishment is fair. We're getting what we deserve. But this man hasn't done anything wrong."
42	Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you enter your kingdom."
43	Jesus said to him, "I can guarantee this truth: Today you will be with me in paradise."
25	Jesus' mother, her sister, Mary (the wife of Clopas), and Mary from Magdala were standing beside Jesus' cross.
26	Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing there. He said to his mother, "Look, here's your son!"
27	Then he said to the disciple, "Look, here's your mother!" From that time on she lived with that disciple in his home.

Chapter 286: The Death of Jesus

From Matthew 27:45, Mark 15:33, Luke 23:44, John 19:28

Mt	Mk	Lk	Jn
45	33	44	Around noon darkness came over the entire land and lasted until three in the afternoon. The sun had stopped shining.
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46	34		At three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" When some of the people standing there heard him say that, they said, "Listen! He's calling Elijah."
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48	36		After this, when Jesus knew that everything had now been finished, he said, "I'm thirsty." He said this so that Scripture could finally be concluded. A jar filled with vinegar was there. So the soldiers put a sponge soaked in the vinegar on a hyssop stick and held it to his mouth.
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			30a
50	37	46a	The others said, "Leave him alone! Let's see if Elijah comes to save him." After Jesus had taken the vinegar, he said, "It is finished!" Then Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I entrust my spirit." Then he bowed his head and died.
		46a	
		46b	
51a	38	45b	Suddenly, the curtain in the temple was split in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split open. The tombs were opened, and the bodies of many holy people who had died came back to life.
51b			
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54a	39	47a
		47b
54b		
55	40a	
55	41	
56a	40b	
56b		
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They came out of the tombs after he had come back to life, and they went into the holy city where they appeared to many people.

When the officer who stood facing Jesus saw how he gave up his spirit, he said, "Certainly, this man was the Son of God!"

He praised God and said, "Certainly, this man was innocent!"

Those watching Jesus with him saw the earthquake and the other things happening. They were terrified and said, "Certainly, this was the Son of God!"

Many women were there watching from a distance. They had followed Jesus from Galilee and had always supported him.

Among them were Mary from Magdala, Mary (the mother of young James and Joseph), and Salome the mother of Zebedee's sons.

Crowds had gathered to see the sight. But when all of them saw what had happened, they cried and returned to the city. But all his friends, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance and watched everything.

Chapter 287: Jesus' Side Is Pierced

From John 19:31

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Since it was Friday and the next day was an especially important day of worship, the Jews didn't want the bodies to stay on the crosses. So they asked Pilate to have the men's legs broken and their bodies removed.

The soldiers broke the legs of the first man and then of the other man who had been crucified with Jesus.

When the soldiers came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they didn't break his legs.

However, one of the soldiers stabbed Jesus' side with his spear, and blood and water immediately came out.

The one who saw this is an eyewitness. What he says is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth so that you, too, will believe.

This happened so that the Scripture would come true: *"None of his bones will be broken."*

Another Scripture passage says, *"They will look at the person whom they have stabbed."*

Chapter 288: Jesus Is Buried

From Matthew 27:57, Mark 15:42, Luke 23:50, John 19:38

Time: Friday evening before sunset

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		51	
57a	42		
57c	43a		
57b			
	43c	50b	
		51a	
57c			38b
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	46a		
	46b	53a	
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60a	46		41b
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60b	46b	53b	
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There was a good man who had God's approval.

His name was Joseph.

He was from the Jewish city of Arimathea, and he was waiting for the kingdom of God.

It was Friday evening, before the day of worship when Joseph arrived.

He was a rich man,

and was an important member of the Jewish council.

But he had not agreed with what they had done.

(Joseph was a disciple of Jesus but secretly because he was afraid of the Jews).

Joseph boldly went to Pilate's quarters to ask for the body of Jesus.

Pilate wondered if Jesus had already died. So he summoned the officer to ask him if Jesus was, in fact, dead.

When the officer had assured him that Jesus was dead, Pilate let Joseph have the corpse.

Joseph had purchased some linen cloth.

After he took it down from the cross,

Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth.

Nicodemus, the one who had first come to Jesus at night, went with Joseph and brought 75 pounds of a myrrh and aloe mixture.

These two men took the body of Jesus and bound it with strips of linen. They laced the strips with spices. This was the Jewish custom for burial.

A garden was located in the place where Jesus was crucified. In that garden was a new tomb in which no one had yet been placed.

Then Joseph laid the body in his own new tomb, which had been cut in a rock.

Joseph and Nicodemus put Jesus in that tomb, since that day was the Jewish day of preparation and since the tomb was nearby.

After rolling a large stone against the door of the tomb, they went away.

It was Friday, and the day of worship was just beginning.

The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed closely behind Joseph. They observed the tomb and how his body was laid in it.

61a 47
61b

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Mary from Magdala and Mary (the mother of Joses) watched where Jesus was laid.
They were sitting there, facing the tomb.
Then they went back to the city and prepared spices and perfumes. But on the day of worship they rested according to the commandment.

Chapter 289: The Guard at the Tomb

From Matthew 27:62

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The next day, which was the day of worship, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered together and went to Pilate. They said, "Sir, we remember how that deceiver said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will be brought back to life.' Therefore, give the order to make the tomb secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may steal him and say to the people, 'He has been brought back to life.' Then the last deception will be worse than the first."
Pilate told them, "You have the soldiers you want for guard duty. Go and make the tomb as secure as you know how." So they went to secure the tomb. They placed a seal on the stone and posted the soldiers on guard duty.

Part 20: The Resurrection

Chapter 290: The Women Buy Spices

From Matthew 28:1, Mark 16:1

Time: Saturday evening after sunset

Mt	Mk	Lk	Jn
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When the day of worship was over, Mary from Magdala, Mary (the mother of James), and Salome bought spices *and prepared to go and anoint Jesus.*

Chapter 291: The Stone is Rolled Away

From Matthew 28:2, Luke 24:12

Time: Early Sunday morning

Mt	Mk	Lk	Jn
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Very early on Sunday morning, *at the tomb*, suddenly, there was a powerful earthquake. An angel of the Lord had come down from heaven, rolled the stone away, and was sitting on it. He was as bright as lightning, and his clothes were as white as snow. The guards were so deathly afraid of him that they shook.

Chapter 292: Mary Magdalene Goes to the Tomb

From Luke 24:12, John 20:1

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Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary from Magdala went to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb's entrance. So she ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, whom Jesus loved. She told them, "They have removed the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they've put him." Peter and the other disciple headed for the tomb. The two were running side by side, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and came to the tomb first. He bent over and looked inside the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there but didn't go inside. Simon Peter arrived after him and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there. He also saw the cloth that had been on Jesus' head. It wasn't lying with the strips of linen but was rolled up separately. Then he went away, wondering what had happened. Then the other disciple, who arrived at the tomb first, went inside. He saw and believed. They didn't know yet what Scripture meant when it said that Jesus had to come back to life.

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So the disciples went back home.

Chapter 293: Jesus Appears First to Mary Magdalene

From Mark 16:9, John 20:11

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Jn

11a

Mary, however, stood there and cried as she looked at the tomb.

9a

This was Mary from Magdala, from whom he had forced out seven demons. Jesus appeared first to her.

11b

As she cried, she bent over and looked inside.

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She saw two angels in white clothes. They were sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying. One angel was where Jesus' head had been, and the other was where his feet had been.

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The angels asked her why she was crying. Mary told them, "They have removed my Lord, and I don't know where they've put him."

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After she said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there. However, she didn't know that it was Jesus.

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Jesus asked her, "Why are you crying? Who are you looking for?" Mary thought it was the gardener speaking to her. So she said to him, "Sir, if you carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I'll remove him."

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Jesus said to her, "Mary!" Mary turned around and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (This word means "teacher.")

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Jesus told her, "Don't hold on to me. I have not yet gone to the Father. But go to my brothers and sisters and tell them, 'I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

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She went and told his friends, who were grieving and crying.

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They didn't believe her when they heard that he was alive and that she had seen him.

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Then she went to the disciples and told them, "I have seen the Lord." She also told them what he had said to her.

Chapter 294: The Other Women Find the Tomb Empty

From Matthew 28:1, Mark 16:2, Luke 24:1

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The women went to the tomb. They were carrying the spices that they had prepared.

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2b

When the sun had just come up

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they arrived and said to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"

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When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away. It was a very large stone.

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7b	7		
	7d		
7c			
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When they went in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

As they went into the tomb, they saw a young man. He was dressed in a white robe and sat on the right side. They were panic-stricken.

The angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid!

Don't panic! You're looking for Jesus from Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been brought back to life. He's not here. Look at the place where they laid him."

While they were puzzled about this, two men in clothes that were as bright as lightning suddenly stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed to the ground. The men asked the women, "Why are you looking among the dead for the living one?

He's not here. He has been brought back to life! Remember what he told you while he was still in Galilee.

He said, 'The Son of Man must be handed over to sinful people, be crucified, and come back to life on the third day.'" Then the women remembered what Jesus had told them.

"Go quickly, and tell his disciples, and Peter,

that he has been brought back to life. He's going ahead of them into Galilee. There they will see him, just as he told them.

Take note that I have told you."

They went out of the tomb and ran away. Shock and trembling had overwhelmed them. They didn't say a thing to anyone, because they were afraid.

Chapter 295: Jesus Appears to the Women

From Matthew 28:8, Luke 24:9

They hurried away from the tomb with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples.

Suddenly, Jesus met them and greeted them. They went up to him, bowed down to worship him, and took hold of his feet.

Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid! Go, tell my followers to go to Galilee. There they will see me."

The women left the tomb and went back to the city. They told everything to the eleven apostles and all the others.

The women were Mary from Magdala, Joanna, and Mary (the mother of James). There were also other women with them. They told the apostles everything.

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The apostles thought that the women's story didn't make any sense, and they didn't believe them.

Chapter 296: In the Countryside

From Mark 16:12

Mt Mk Lk Jn

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Later Jesus appeared to two disciples as they were walking to their home in the country. He did not look as he usually did. They went back and told the others, who did not believe them either.

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Chapter 297: The Guards are Bribed

From Matthew 28:11

Mt Mk Lk Jn

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While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city. They told the chief priests everything that had happened.

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The chief priests gathered together with the leaders and agreed on a plan. They gave the soldiers a large amount of money,

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and told them to say that Jesus' disciples had come at night and had stolen his body while they were sleeping.

14

They added, "If the governor hears about it, we'll take care of it, and you'll have nothing to worry about."

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The soldiers took the money and did as they were told. Their story has been spread among the Jewish people to this day.

Chapter 298: On the Road to Emmaus

From Luke 24:13

Mt Mk Lk Jn

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On the same day, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus. It was about seven miles from Jerusalem.

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They were talking to each other about everything that had happened.

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While they were talking, Jesus approached them and began walking with them.

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Although they saw him, they didn't recognize him.

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He asked them, "What are you discussing?" They stopped and looked very sad.

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One of them, Cleopas, replied, "Are you the only one in Jerusalem who doesn't know what has happened recently?"

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"What happened?" he asked. They said to him, "We were discussing what happened to Jesus from Nazareth. He was a powerful prophet in what he did and said in the sight of God and all the people."

20 Our chief priests and rulers had him condemned to death and crucified.
 We were hoping that he was the one who would free Israel. What's more, this is now the third day since everything

21 happened.
 Some of the women from our group startled us. They went to

22 the tomb early this morning
 and didn't find his body. They told us that they had seen

23 angels who said that he's alive.
 Some of our men went to the tomb and found it empty, as the

24 women had said, but they didn't see him."
 Then Jesus said to them, "How foolish you are! You're so slow

25 to believe everything the prophets said!
 Didn't the Messiah have to suffer these things and enter into

26 his glory?"
 Then he began with Moses' Teachings and the Prophets to

27 explain to them what was said about him throughout the
 Scriptures.
 When they came near the village where they were going, Jesus

28 acted as if he were going farther.
 They urged him, "Stay with us! It's getting late, and the day is

29 almost over." So he went to stay with them.
 While he was at the table with them, he took bread and

30 blessed it. He broke the bread and gave it to them.
 Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. But he

31 vanished from their sight.
 They said to one another, "Were not our hearts burning within

32 us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was
 explaining the Scriptures to us?" (NASB)
 That same hour they went back to Jerusalem. They found the

33 eleven apostles and those who were with them gathered
 together.
 They were saying, "The Lord has really come back to life and

34 has appeared to Simon."
 Then the two disciples told what had happened on the road

35 and how they had recognized Jesus when he broke the bread.

Chapter 299: Jesus Appears to His Disciples

From Luke 24:36, John 20:19

Mt	Mk	Lk	Jn
			19a
36		20b	

That Sunday evening, the disciples were together behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jews.

While they were talking about what had happened, Jesus stood among them. He said to them, "Peace be with you!"

37		They were terrified, and thought they were seeing a ghost. He asked them, "Why are you afraid? Why do you have doubts?"
38		Look at my hands and feet, and see that it's really me. Touch me, and see for yourselves. Ghosts don't have flesh and bones, but you can see that I do."
39		When he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were glad to see the Lord.
40	20	They were overcome with joy and amazement because this seemed too good to be true. Then Jesus asked them, "Do you have anything to eat?"
41		They gave him a piece of broiled fish.
42		He took it and ate it while they watched him.
43		Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you."
	21	After he had said this, he breathed on the disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."
	22	Whenever you forgive sins, they are forgiven. Whenever you don't forgive them, they are not forgiven."
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Chapter 300: Jesus and Thomas

From John 20:24

Mt	Mk	Lk	Jn	
			24	Thomas, one of the twelve apostles, who was called Didymus, wasn't with them when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, "We've seen the Lord." Thomas told them, "I refuse to believe this unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my fingers into them, and put my hand into his side."
			25	A week later Jesus' disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Take your hand, and put it into my side. Stop doubting, and believe."
			26	Thomas responded to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to Thomas, "You believe because you've seen me. Blessed are those who haven't seen me but believe."
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Chapter 301: The Purpose of This Book

From John 20:30

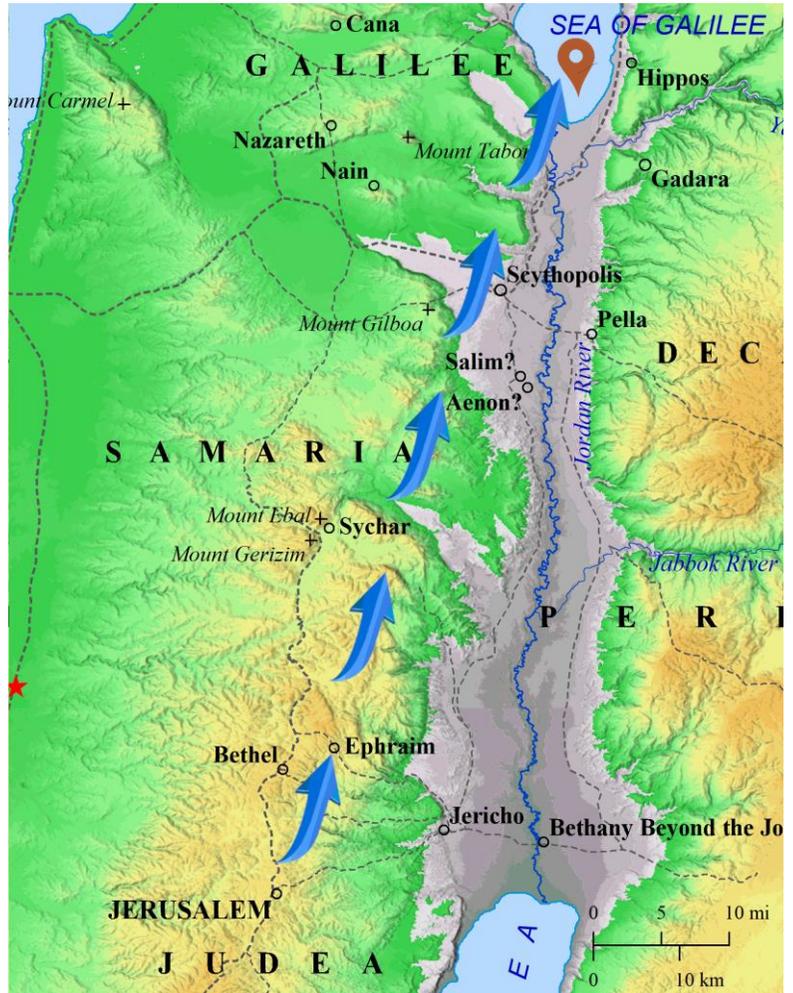
Mt	Mk	Lk	Jn	
			30	Jesus performed many other miracles that his disciples saw. Those miracles are not written in this book.

But these miracles have been written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and so that you will have life by believing in him.

Chapter 302: Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples as They Are Fishing

From John 21:1

Mt Mk Lk Jn



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Later, by the Sea of Tiberias, Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. This is what happened.

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Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two other disciples of Jesus were together.

3 Simon Peter said to the others, "I'm going fishing." They told him, "We're going with you." They went out in a boat but didn't catch a thing that night.

4 As the sun was rising, Jesus stood on the shore. The disciples didn't realize that it was Jesus.

5 Jesus asked them, "Friends, haven't you caught any fish?" They answered him, "No, we haven't."

6 He told them, "Throw the net out on the right side of the boat, and you'll catch some." So they threw the net out and were unable to pull it in because so many fish were in it.

7 The disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put back on the clothes that he had taken off and jumped into the sea.

8 The other disciples came with the boat and dragged the net full of fish. They weren't far from the shore, only about 100 yards.

9 When they went ashore, they saw a fire with a fish lying on the coals, and they saw a loaf of bread.

10 Jesus told them, "Bring some of the fish you've just caught." Simon Peter got into the boat and pulled the net ashore.

11 Though the net was filled with 153 large fish, it was not torn. Jesus told them, "Come, have breakfast." None of the disciples dared to ask him who he was. They knew he was the Lord.

12 Jesus took the bread, gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

13 This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after he had come back to life.

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Chapter 303: Jesus and Peter: "Do You Love Me?"

From John 21:15

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After they had eaten breakfast, Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than the other disciples do?" Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus told him, "Feed my lambs."

Jesus asked him again, a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus told him, "Take care of my sheep."

Jesus asked him a third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt sad because Jesus had asked him a third time, "Do you love me?" So Peter said to him, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you." Jesus told him, "Feed my sheep."

18

I can guarantee this truth: When you were young, you would get ready to go where you wanted. But when you're old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will get you ready to take you where you don't want to go."

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Jesus said this to show by what kind of death Peter would bring glory to God. After saying this, Jesus told Peter, "Follow me!"

Chapter 304: Jesus and the Beloved Apostle

From John 21:20

Mt Mk Lk Jn

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Peter turned around and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved. That disciple was following them. He was the one who leaned against Jesus' chest at the supper and asked, "Lord, who is going to betray you?"

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When Peter saw him, he asked Jesus, "Lord, what about him?"

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Jesus said to Peter, "If I want him to live until I come again, how does that concern you? Follow me!"

23

So a rumor that that disciple wouldn't die spread among Jesus' followers. But Jesus didn't say that he wouldn't die. What Jesus said was, "If I want him to live until I come again, how does that concern you?"

24

This disciple was an eyewitness of these things and wrote them down. We know that what he says is true.

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Jesus also did many other things. If every one of them were written down, I suppose the world wouldn't have enough room for the books that would be written.

Chapter 305: The Great Commission

From Matthew 28:16, Mark 16:14

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Location: An unnamed mountain in Galilee. John MacArthur and other scholars believe this was the place referenced in 1st Corinthians 15:3 where Jesus was seen by more than 500 people at one time.

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The eleven disciples went to the mountain in Galilee where Jesus had told them to go.

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When they saw him, they bowed down in worship, though some had doubts.

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When Jesus came near, he spoke to them. He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

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So wherever you go, make disciples of all nations: Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Teach them to do everything I have commanded you. And remember that I am always with you until the end of time."