

Conversations at the Tomb: “Go and Tell”

Women at the Tomb

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Conversations at the Tomb

- “Fear Not”
- “He is Alive”
- ”Go and Tell”

“Go and Tell” in the Bible

- Numerous Conversations
- God to Moses - Exodus 9:1
- Jesus to demon possessed man - Mark 5:19 and Luke 8:38-39
- Jesus to the disciples, The Great Commission - Matthew 28:18-20

“Go and Tell” Scriptures

- Matthew 28: 8, 10
- Mark 16:7
- Luke 24:9-10
- John 20:17

Matthew 28:8, 10

- 8 So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.
- 10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”
 - After speaking to an Angel of the Lord the Women were on their way to tell.
 - Jesus spoke to the Women.

Mark 16:7

- 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’”
 - An angel spoke to the Women.

Luke 24:9-10

- 9 When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. 10 It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles.
 - After encountering two angels at the tomb, the Women told the disciples.

John 20:17

- 17 Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”
 - After seeing two angels, Jesus spoke to the Women.

The Women

- Matthew 27:55-56; 28:1
 - Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joses, the mother of Zebedee's sons, and others
- Mark 15:47; 16:1
 - Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joses, Salome, Mary the mother of James
- Luke 23:55; 24:10
 - Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and others
- John 20:1
 - Mary Magdalene

The Women

- Each gospel account has a different list of names. Only Mary Magdalene was common to all four.
- The Women came from Galilee and were followers of Jesus.
- The Women stayed even when the remaining disciples had run away.
- The Women were there until the end.
- The Women were the first to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Women were Chosen to Go and Tell

- For their faithfulness.
- For their service.
- They had followed Jesus to the tomb.
- They had to leave the tomb before they could tell.

The Tomb

- Tomb
- A large vault, typically an underground one, for burying the dead.
- An enclosure for a corpse cut in the earth or in rock.
- A monument to the memory of a dead person, erected over their burial place.
- A dead place.

The Tomb

- Matthew 27:57-60 -
- 57 As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. 58 Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. 59 Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 60 and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away.

Different Kinds of Tombs

- Poor physical health.
- Poor mental health.
- Relationship problems.
- Financial problems.
- Addictions.
- Loss of loved ones.

Spending Time at the Tomb

- Dead things in our lives.
- Things that cause pain: physical, mental, etc.
- Living in the past.
- No hope for the future.
- Worrying.

Why do we stay in the tomb?

- Familiar.
- Comfortable.
- Easier to stay in the tomb.
- Don't know how to get out.
- Don't want to get out.
- Don't realize that it's a tomb.

Staying at the Tomb

- The living don't belong in a tomb.
- We can't grow in a dead place.
- Dead places aren't healthy.
- Dead places are full of decay.
- We can die in dead places.

Leaving the Tomb

- Willing to leave.
- Getting up.
- Changing physical position.
- Going to a different place.
- Courage to leave the place of death.
- Faith to leave the tomb.

Living Outside of the Tomb

- Letting go of dead ideas.
- Letting go of dead practices.
- Letting go of people who may take us back to the dead place.
- Telling your story.

We are Chosen to Go and Tell!

- For our faithfulness.
- For our service.
- Because Jesus has led us away from our tombs.
- They had to leave the tomb before they could tell.

Telling Your Story

- Deciding to tell your story.
- Who do you tell?
- What do you tell?
- When do you tell?
- Why do you tell?

Deciding to Tell Your Story

- Your Story - an account of past events in your life and how they made you who you are.
- Elements in your story -
 - Actual events in our lives
 - Spiritual growth
 - Lessons learned in our lives
 - People who have impacted our lives

Who Do You Tell?

- Tell yourself.
- Tell your family.
- Tell those who need to know.

What Do You Tell?

- Your story of faith.
- Stories of healing and illness.
- Stories of deliverance and bondage
- Stories of favor and disfavor.

When Do You Tell?

- Timing is everything.
- Major life events.
- When the opportunity comes.

Why Do You Tell?

- Our stories are powerful.
- Our stories are a part of who we are.
- Dispel family secrets.
- Stories can bless and heal.

Questions to Consider

- What tomb do you need to leave?
- What do you need to tell?

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