

Acts 5:1-11

¹Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. ²With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet. ³Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? ⁴Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to God." ⁵When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened.

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⁶Then the young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him. ⁷About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. ⁸Peter asked her, “Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?” “Yes,” she said, “that is the price.” ⁹Peter said to her, “How could you agree to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also.” ¹⁰At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband. ¹¹Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.

1 Timothy 5:17-22

¹⁷The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. ¹⁸For the Scripture says, “Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain,” and “The worker deserves his wages...”

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Roger Fenton (1819 - 1869) "The Long Walk"

"a long obedience in the same direction"

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¹⁹Do not entertain an accusation against an elder unless it is brought by two or three witnesses. ²⁰Those who sin are to be rebuked publicly, so that the others may take warning. ²¹I charge you, in the sight of God and Christ Jesus and the elect angels, to keep these instructions without partiality, and to do nothing out of favoritism. ²²Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, and do not share in the sins of others. Keep yourself pure.

Galatians 2:11-14

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Ephesians 4:17-29

¹⁷So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking.

¹⁸They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. ¹⁹Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more. ²⁰You, however, did not come to know Christ that way. ²¹Surely you heard of him and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus.

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²²You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

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²⁵Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body.

²⁶“In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷and do not give the devil a foothold. ²⁸He

who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need. ²⁹Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

SUMMERING

and Glory:

*Jesus Christ's Procession
to the Cross*



John 13:1 to 21:25

What just happened?

John 20:1-9

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ²So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!” ³So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus’ head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. ⁸Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

BOTTICELLI, Sandro

Lamentation over the Dead Christ with Saintsc.

1490 Tempera on panel, 140 x 207 cm Alte Pinakothek, Munich



Isn't that it?

Isn't that it?

What else does Jesus have to do?

What are the two (or three) major things Jesus has still to do in his earthly ministry?

**CORNELISZ VAN OOSTSANEN,
Jacob**

Christ Appearing to Mary Magdalen as
a Gardener

1507 Oil on oak, 55 x 39 cm
Staatliche Museen, Kassel



DUCCIO di Buoninsegna

Appearance to Mary Magdalene (Noli me tangere) 1308-11 Tempera on wood, 51 x 57 cm
Museo dell'Opera del Duomo, Siena

The account continues...

John 20:10a

¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes, ¹¹but Mary stood outside the tomb crying.

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Luke 8:1-3

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1. A woman

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During the Second Temple period,
women were not allowed to testify in court trials.
They could not go out in public, or talk to strangers.
When outside of their homes, they were to be doubly veiled.

"They had become second-class Jews, excluded from the worship and teaching of God, with status scarcely above that of slaves."

Source - B.M. Metzger & M.D. Coogan, *"The Oxford Companion to the Bible"*, Oxford University Press, New York, NY, (1993), P. 806 to 818

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2. Someone 7 demons had come out of

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3. An ardent follower of Jesus

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4. Intensely gutsy!

John 19:25

²⁵Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

Woman, why are you crying?

John 20:10b-13

As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹²and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

¹³They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him."

Jesus resurrected body is not easily recognized

John 20:14

¹⁴At this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

**Two Great Questions:
Why are you crying?
Who are you looking for?**

John 20:15a

**15“Woman,” he said, “why are you crying?
Who is it you are looking for?”**

“Please, help me find him”

John 20:15b

Thinking he was the gardener, she said,

“Sir, if you have carried him away,
tell me where you have put him,
and I will get him.”

Jesus reveals himself

John 20:16

¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

She turned towards him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!”
(which means Teacher).

“Do not hold on to me...”

John 20:17

¹⁷Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

Mary gets to be the apostle to the Apostles

John 20:18

¹⁸Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news:
“I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he
had said these things to her.

**What would the risen
Christ say to you?**

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in [you] what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

~ Hebrews 13:20, 21